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RITCHEY, MARIE LOVE, 1955-

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   Date of form 5-3-74

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
   X 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

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   ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) ___ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
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5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

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   ___ Professions ___ Industrial labor ___ Other

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   ___ East Asian ___ Other

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   ___ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Aaron Russell Pitsky Current Residence deceased
If dead, date of death 1-15-1959

Place of birth Rushville, Ill Date of Birth 6-12-1897

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st Blacksmith Dates 1920-1945
2nd Farmer Dates 1945-1957
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Macomb Dates 1920-1924
2nd ~~At~~ Rushville Dates 1924-1957
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Macomb, Illinois date 9-25-1920

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Marie Gertrude (Thrasher) Pitsky Current Residence deceased
If dead, date of death 11-24-1930

Place of birth Keokuk, Iowa Date of birth 10-23-1904

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st none Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st ~~Rus~~ Macomb, Ill. Dates 1920-1924
2nd Rushville, Ill Dates 1924-1930
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Macomb, Illinois DATE 9-25-1920

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name ~~Martin Luther Nelson~~ Howard Carl Nelson Current Residence ~~Colchester, Illinois~~ deceased

If dead, date of death 8-5-1946

Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 6-20-1901

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st farmer	Dates _____	1st Colchester, Illinois	Dates 1919-1946
2nd coal miner	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion none

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother Colchester, Illinois date 8-9-1919

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Beatrice Lone (Vaught) Nelson Current Residence Colchester, Illinois

If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 2-1-1903

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st _____	Dates _____	1st Colchester, Illinois	Dates 1919-
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Colchester, Illinois date 8-9-1919

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Wanda Maxine Allgeier
Place of birth Macomb, Illinois date 5-26-21
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Lay Practionist (self employed)
Residence Rushville, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 3

2. Name Robert Russell Ritchey
Place of birth Macomb, Illinois date 4-26-23
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation mechanic
Residence Rushville, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 7

3. Name Marjorie Louise Anderson
Place of birth Rushville, Illinois date 3-24-25
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation none
Residence Deceased 6-18-63 Marital Status
Number of children 6

4. Name William Eugene Ritchey
Place of birth Rushville, Illinois date 12-4-27
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation machinist
Residence Addison, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 4

5. Name Bonnie Jean Johnson
Place of birth Rushville, Illinois date 11-17-30
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation none
Residence San Antonio, Texas Marital Status married
Number of children 8

6. Name Bennie Lee Ritchey
Place of birth Rushville, Illinois date 11-17-30
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation labor worker - auto mechanic
Residence Colchester, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 8

. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Alabama Shallenberger
Place of birth Colchester Illinois date 9-6-1920
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation none
Residence Colchester Ill Marital Status married
Number of children 8

2. Name Lloyd Nelson
Place of birth Colchester Illinois date 12-20-1921
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Labor worker
Residence Scappoose, Oregon Marital Status married
Number of children 5

3. Name Leonard Nelson
Place of birth Colchester Illinois date 1-17-1923
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation construction worker
Residence Colchester Ill Marital Status married
Number of children 1

4. Name Louisa Stahlings
Place of birth Colchester date 9-2-1926
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation none
Residence Kennewick, Washington Marital Status married
Number of children 6

5. Name Carl Nelson
Place of birth Colchester date 11-14-1927
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation
Residence deceased Marital Status
Number of children 1

6. Name Gary Nelson
Place of birth Colchester Illinois date 12-18-1930
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation construction wor
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children 6

7. Name Ardella Ritchey
Place of birth Colchester Illinois date 1-7-1933
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children 8

8. Name Ivella Switzer
Place of birth Colchester date 2-25-1934
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation none
Residence Colchester Marital Status married
Number of children 2

9. Name Lloyd Nelson
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois date 6-21-1937
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation construction wor
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children 4

10. Name Beatrice Adams
Place of birth Colchester, Ill date 12-27-1939
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation none
Residence Oakmanville, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 7

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1.1 Name Rosalie Kennedy
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois date 7-4-1941
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 3

12. Name Linda Rae
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois date 12-31-1943
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 2

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

2. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

3. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

4. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

5. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

6. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

7. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

8. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

9. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

10. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

Your Father

Name Bessie Lee Ritchey Current Residence Colchester, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Rushville, Illinois Date of birth 11-17-30
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st labor worker Dates 1st Dates
2nd auto mechanic Dates 2nd Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates
4th Dates 4th Dates
Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your mother Colchester, Illinois date 4-29-1950
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Ardella Jane (Nelson) Ritchey Current Residence Colchester, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 1-7-1933
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st none Dates 1st Dates
2nd Dates 2nd Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion Protestant
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your father Colchester, Illinois date 4-29-1950
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Janet Rose Alexander
Place of birth Rushville, Illinois Date of birth 4-21-56
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation none
Residence Galesburg, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 2

Name Sherry Lea Wike
Place of birth Rushville, Illinois Date of birth 10-11-53
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation LPN-nurse
Residence Portland, Oregon Marital Status married
Number of children 1

Name Marie Lou Ritchey
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 5-8-55
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status single
Number of children 0

Name ~~Marie~~ Nenita Sue Ritchey
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 8-28-56
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status single
Number of children 0

Name Victoria Kay Ritchey
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 12-29-57
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status single
Number of children 0

Name Bonnie Sue Ritchey
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 12-17-60
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children 0

Name Ginger Luanne Ritchey
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 6-21-62
Number of years of schooling 6 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status single
Number of children 0

Name Bennie Russell Ritchey
Place of birth Colchester, Illinois Date of birth 8-7-64
Number of years of schooling 2 Occupation none
Residence Colchester, Ill Marital Status single
Number of children 0

III. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

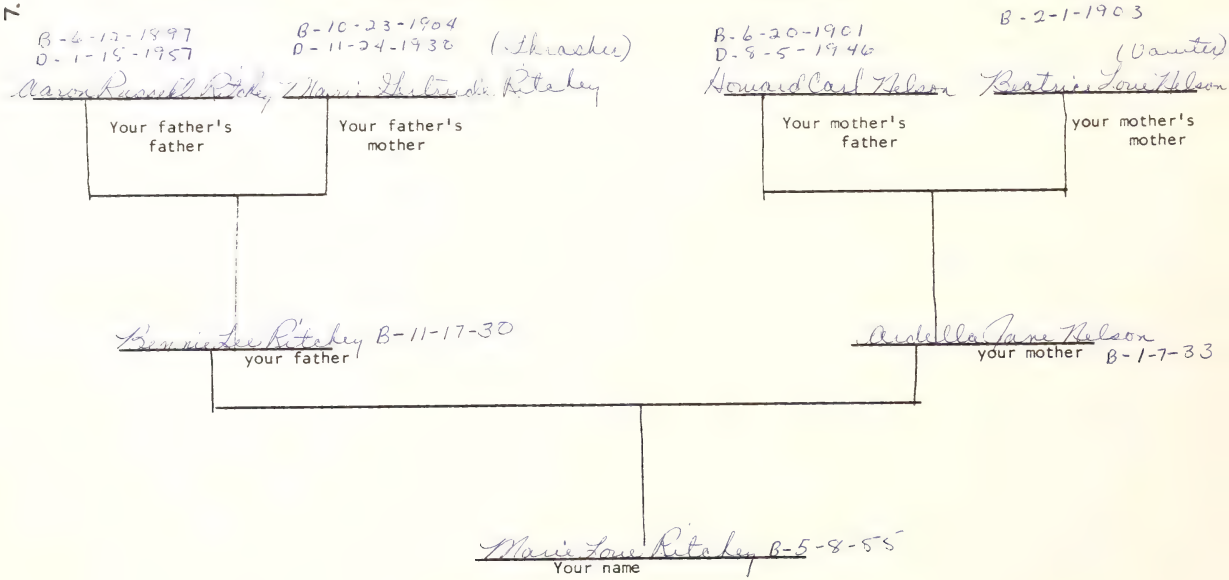
Note on back

Signed Marie L. Ritchey

Date 5-7-74

All of my children from one on down were born in Tracomb, Ill. but that is just because Colchester does not have a hospital and Tracomb is on 7 miles away.

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



In reading my family history, you will see that the amount of information on my mother's side is more than on my father's side. Most of the people on my mother's side are still alive and are all living rather close to each other. Still I could not say my grandmother is talk much.

I could not get quite so much information on my father's side. My grandmother Ritchey died when my father was just seven days old. He was passed from one relative to another until he was fifteen years old, then he was on his own. His father never had much to do with anyone, including his own children, so my father never knew much about his background. All my father's brothers and sisters went their own way and really never had much to do with each other so therefore I wasn't able to get much impormation.

I was able, though, to get the basic sign in their lives.

[illegible] Jack, in Macomb, Illinois.

[illegible] my grandfather, Marie Gertrude Thrasher, [illegible] October 23, [illegible]. They moved to Rushville, Ill. [illegible] established his own blacksmith shop. Their business [illegible] sold in 1[illegible] and he moved to the old family farm, which he had purchased, and farmed until his death on January 15, 1957. He died of cancer of the ear and wasn't descovered until three days later. He was found frozen, sitting in a chair.

My frandmother, Marie Gertrude Thrasher, was one of twin girls born October 23, 1904, to William Thrasher and Phoebe (Frakes) Thrasher. She also had three brothers. She was born in Keokuk, Iowa, and later moved to Macomb, Ill. where she grew up. She married my frandfather in Macomb on September 25, 1920. They moved to Rushville in 1924, where she died November 24, 1930. She died from bloodclots forming when giving birth to my father and his twin sister.

They had six childrem; Wanda, Robert, Marjorie (now deceased), Williams, Bonnie and Bennie.

Both my grandparents are buried at the Rushville Cemetery in Rushville, Ill.

[illegible]

[illegible] coal mine [illegible] Colchester, Illinois. [illegible]

[illegible] married William Thomas Nelson, who also was [illegible]

[illegible]. They had nine children, the eighth was my grandf[illegible]

[illegible] the family, Howard Carl Nelson.

[illegible] Nelson was born on June 20, 1901. He also spent his life mining coal near Colchester. He married my grandmother, Beatrice Love Vawter, on August 9,1919. Grandma Nelson was the first child of seven belonging to Alla and Nancy Vawter. She was born and raised in Colchester,Ill. Her family used to have a horse and buggy until the Ford Model T came out, then they bought one of those.

After Grandma and Grandpa Nelson were married, they moved to a farm just outside of Colchester, where grandpa farmed forty acres of land and had his own coal mine.

My grandmother had twelve children out on that farm, my mother, Ardella Jane Nelson, born on January 7,1933, being the seventh. They had seven girls and five boys. The children would all get out of school every year to help with planting the crops. My grandfather would plow the fields with two work horses and grandma and the kids would plant the seeds; one seed every two steps. My grandfather Nelson would start plowing the fields every morning before the sun would come up and then work in the mine until dark.

They would plant soup beans, then after picked, they would lay them out in the sun to dry. After they dried, they tie them in burlap sacks and let the kids jump on them until the husks would separate from the beans them put them in a big stifle and shake until all the husks feel through the holes.

My grandparents never had many luxuries in life but yet thay were al-

ways happy. My mother's family never did have a car. They always used horses and buggy. They would only get to town once a week. They never had electricity or running water. They used kerosene laterns for lights. My grandmother would take them all every night and clean them for the next day. Then for refrigeration, they would put their milk and butter in a bucket and lower it into the well, then every meal they would go and crank it up from the well. They would dig holes in the ground to put their meats in.

My grandparents raised all of their family's food. They only bought the essentials lide sugar and flour in a store. They would catch fish and wild animals, such as rabbits and deer, then put them in the hole and have them at the next meal. They also raised cows, chickens and pigs. Every year the children would go out and pick berries and muchrooms. My grandmother Nelson would put up fifteen hundred quarts of food every year for the winter.

My grandmother would bake her bread and churn her own butter (by hand). All of the older children had their certain chores to do such as: my mother had to help bake the bread, which they did every other day, and her sister next in line had to help turn the butter. My Grandmother Nelson also made all of her families clothing. The dresses and shirts were made of gunny sacks with different prints.

As each one of the children got older, they got assigned one of the younger ones. My mother had to help out with her youngest sister, Linda. Every night she had to wash out her clothes because they only had a few dresses a piece. They only had one pair of underwear and shoes. They had to wash the clothes on a scrub board. Whenever the family went to town, my mother was responsible for Linda.

The children went to a one room country school house which consisted

of eleven students and the teacher. Six of those students were my mother and her brothers and sisters. The school was heated by a coal stove like their house was. It had a couple big tables a some chairs. The students brought their own lunches.

All the children were born at home. They had midwives to help deliver the babies. Midwives were just neighbors that would come over and help with things when it came near time for the mother to have the baby. They would stay for a couple days afterwards to help with the other children until the mother got back on her feet again.

My Grandfather Nelson died on August 8,1946. He had planted some dynamite in one of the mines one afternoon which he thought had [illegible], but [illegible]. He went back that night and started drilling, he [illegible] of [illegible] didn't go off and it hit him in the head. He [illegible] later.

The state bought my grandmother's house in 1949 and it [illegible] of Argyle State Park. The state everyone's house in that neighborhood [illegible] my [illegible] who wouldn't sell so the state just built [illegible] to them instead. My grandmother Nelson then moved her family [illegible] Chester. My mother was seventeen years old.

My mother quit school after her father died to help take [illegible] of the family. She only made it through the tenth grade. My mother [illegible] married my father. Bonnie Lee Ritchey, on April 20,1950.

My father was born on November 17, 1930, in Macomb, Illinois. His mother died when he and his twin sister were just seven days old so they were just passed from relative to relative until they were fifteen years old then they were on their own. My father made it through the [illegible] grade in school then quit. He also went to a country school [illegible] one room and a coal stove. He said that every day the teacher [illegible] put

[illegible]

[illegible]. They had [illegible]

[illegible] land in the [illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible] school, he worked in a movie [illegible]

little while then he went to work on the railroad. He w[illegible]

railroad where he met my mother and [illegible] to for a cou[illegible].

My parents moved to Rushville, Illinois after they were m[illegible] three years, then to Keokuk, Iowa for about six months. Then [illegible] to Colchester, Ill. where they've been every since.

My father went to work at Yetter's Manufacturing Corp. for [illegible] years then he went to work at Miller's Brick Yard where he was at unti[illegible] years [illegible]. [illegible] he works on the Western Illinois University Camp[illegible] the ground[illegible] finance. He also works part time as an auto mech[illegible] which he has for the last twenty years.

My parents have eight children, I being the third. [illegible] girls and one boy. My two older [illegible] are married and [illegible] children.

I remember, when I was younger, having an old coal stove [illegible] kitchen and my father bringing in coal from out back every night. We [illegible] rid of that old stove around eight years ago.

We also never had a bathroom until around ten years ago, [illegible] father put one in. Our house is over one hundred years old so he [illegible] alot of changing [illegible] it.

My mother's family still gets together every year at Christ[illegible] at the [illegible] Reunion. My mother's family is really closely [illegible] while my father's is not. None of my father's relatives really live [illegible] close by, as a matter of fact, he hasn't seen his twin sister in fifteen years. They just [illegible] went their own way.

Our family is closely knit also and I think we will remain that way even after [illegible] the children are grown and have families of their own.

ROBINSON, JUDY ANN, 1955-

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1. Your name Judy Robinson
Date of form _____

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.
X Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
___ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ___ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
X South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky
___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) X East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind. Ill. Wis.)
___ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)
X Plains (ND, SD, Neb., Kan., Iowa, MO)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

X Farming ___ Mining X Shopkeeping or small business
___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
___ Professions ___ Industrial labor X Other small business

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

___ Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian X Methodist
___ Baptist ___ Episcopallan X Congregational X Lutheran
___ Quaker ___ Mormon ___ Other Protestant ___ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

___ Blacks ___ Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
___ Jews X Central Europeans ___ Italians ___ Slavs
X Irish ___ British ___ Native Americans over several generations
___ East Asian ___ Other Scotch

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

X Interviews with other family members X Family Bibles X Family Genealogies
X Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
X Photographs X Maps ___ Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name CHARLES E. Robinson Current Residence [illegible]
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Viroqua Wis Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 yrs high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st telephone worker Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd Own bussiness Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd busy telephone Com. Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. CHURCH

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Casey Ill. date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Virginia Current Residence Leaf River Ill.
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Casey Illinois Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 yrs high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st House wife Dates _____ 1st Various Places Dates _____

2nd telephone Company Dates _____ 2nd Leaf River Ill Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion none

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. None

Place of marriage to your grandfather Casey Ill. DATE _____

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Nathan Keeler Current Residence Evansville Wis
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Monroe Wis Date of birth May 12 1906
Education (number of years):
grade school 6 yrs high school — vocational — college —

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Farmer Dates all life 1st Monticello Wis. Dates
2nd Dates 2nd Evansville Wis. Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates
4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Methodist
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandmother Monroe Wisconsin date 1930
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Francis Unger Current Residence Evansville Wisconsin
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Fondalack Wis. Date of birth Aug 11 1908
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school — vocational — college —

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Cleaning lady Dates 1928 1st Monroe Wis Dates
2nd Nathans wife Dates 1930 2nd Evansville Wis Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion Lutheran
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandfather Monroe Wisconsin date 1930
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) — your father's name should appear below

1. Name Katherin Louise
Place of birth MARCH 2, 1928 date Casey Illinois
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife Telephone Co
Residence Leaf River IL Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 3

2. Name MAX Eugene
Place of birth Casey Ill. date MAY 29 1929
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation Quality Control Manager
Residence Winnebago IL Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 3

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Selley, Ann
Place of birth Micoree Wis date Dec 28, 1932
Number of years of schooling 14½ Occupation Accountant
Residence Winnebago Marital Status married
Number of children 4

2. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name MAX Eugene Robinson Current Residence Winnebago IL.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Casey ILL. Date of birth May 29 1929
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college 4

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st LAB TECHNICIAN Dates 1954 – 1st Rockford Il Dates – 59
2nd Foreman Dates 1960 – 2nd Leaf River IL Dates – 66
3rd Quality Control Dates 1967 – 3rd ~~Rock~~ Winnebago Dates – 1974
4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your mother At Moms Parents Farm date Sept. 11 1953
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name SALLY ANN Current Residence Winnebago IL
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Monroe Wis Date of birth Dec 28 1932
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college 2½

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Secretary Dates 1961 1st Leaf River Dates 1966
2nd Accountant Dates 1972 2nd Winnebago Dates 1974
3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion Methodist
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your father Same as Max date Sept. 11 1953
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Laurinda Kay
Place of birth Stoughten Wis Date of birth May 12 1952
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation School
Residence Sycamore W.S. Marital Status Single
Number of children —

Name Judy Ann
Place of birth Rockford IL Date of birth Feb 26, 1955
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation School
Residence Rock Ford IL Marital Status Single
Number of children —

Name Mark Stephen
Place of birth Rockford Date of birth April 30 1956
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation School
Residence Winnebago Marital Status Single
Number of children —

Name Terry Lee
Place of birth Rock Ford Date of birth MARCH 27 1967
Number of years of schooling 1 Occupation School 1
Residence Winnebago Marital Status Single
Number of children —

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Signed

Date

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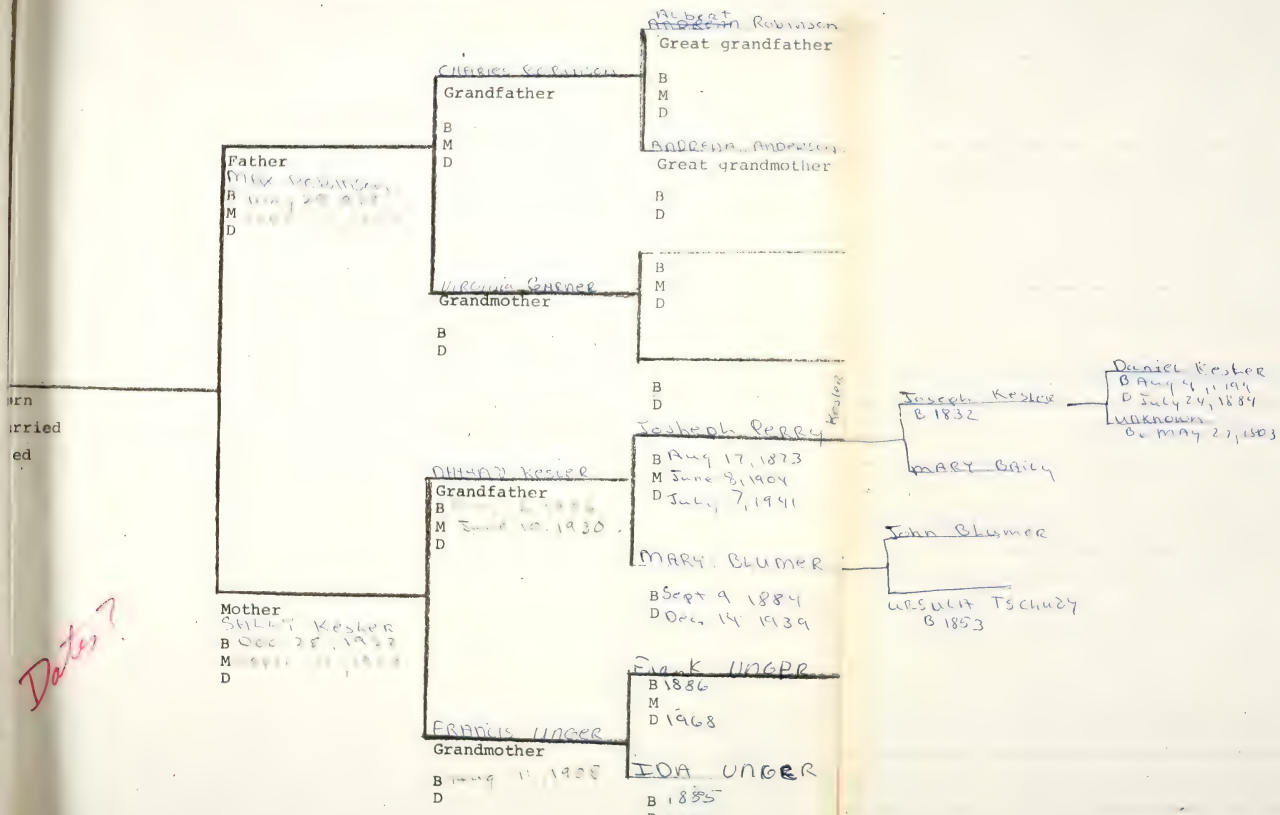

[illegible]

[illegible]iel Kesler

Joseph Kesler M Mary Baily

John Blumer M Ursula Tschundy

Joseph Perry Kesler M Mary Blumer

Nathan Kesler M Frances Unger

Jordan
Robinson

GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER

[illegible] in Westmoreland county in Pennsylvania on [illegible], April, 179[illegible]. He was a blacksmith by trade. He moved to Wisconsin on [illegible], August, 1[illegible]. The date of his marriage and the name of his wife are unknown. It is known that she was born [illegible], May, 1[illegible]. They were married fiftyeight years, during this time she spoke only German and smoked a pipe. They had two sons, one died in the civil war. Daniel was given forty acres of land to farm, in the Jordan Township in Wisconsin, by the goverment for the loss of their son. Daniel was eightyfour years, eleven months, and twentyfour days old at the time of his death. His sifes death is not known. Their Remaining son was named Joseph.

GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER

Joseph Hesler was born in 183[illegible]. He was a stone mason by trade. Joseph married Mary Baily whose family came from Scotland. They were Scotch Irish. They moved to Georgia to help fight the Spanish in 17[illegible]. Joseph and Mary had ten children.

Jane Martha-born 7, April, 1861, married Jon Beach, had no children.

John Franklin-born 13, September, 1863, never married.

George-born 14, Febuary, 1867, never married.

Watson Bete-born 3, March, 1871, married Lola Kelly, had three children, Emerson, Wilbur, and Mary Jane.

[illegible] Jake- Born 3, March, 1871, [illegible] Jechot and had one son, [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] this, when they [illegible] in California they [illegible] the family [illegible] together. Both were never [illegible] from again.

[illegible]- Born 13, October, 1873, married Mary Plumer. This [illegible] grandpa's father and I will refer to him later in this paper.

Stanley Marie- Born 17, August, 1876, married Maizie Butler and had one son Joseph.

Blanche- Born 30, April, 187[illegible], married Clayton Dettoven and had nine children.

Doris- died young
Beatrice- married Dewey Reider, no children.
Gaynell- married William Conners, no children.
Chester- married Helen, two children.
[illegible]rville- married, one child.
[illegible]- married Ed Erickson, divorced.
[illegible]- never married.
[illegible] - married Everett Clary, one child, divorced then married Ken Roberts.
Kenneth- never married.

[illegible] - [illegible], April, 1883, married Joe Butler, no children.

GREAT GRANDFATHER

Joseph Perry chose to buy the farm from his father. He was a [illegible] after his marriage to Mary Plumer he became a father. They were married on 8, June, 1884.

Mary's family came from Scotland, (were Scotch Irish), [illegible] they moved into Georgia. They decided to help fight the spanish in Florida in 1735.

[illegible] Ulmer, John Bluner, was a farmer by trade. [illegible] Ursula [illegible] who was born in 18[illegible]3 and died in 1909. John [illegible] in 18[illegible], the date of his birth is unknown. John and Ursula had five children.

John- married, one child.

Henry- married Kate Voegeli, four children.

Mary- married Joseph Perry Kesler, four children.

Fred- married Frances, five children.

Bertha- married Fred Voegeli, five children.

John Bluner passed away and Ursula remarried Gottfred Buehler, who was bor in 1849. They had two children, the first died, the other was named Minnie. Gottfred passed away in 1936.

Joseph and Mary lived their entire life on the farm they bought. Together they had four children.

Nathan- born 12, May, 1906. He married Frances Unger [illegible], October, 1930. This is my Grand parents.

Florence- born 19, January, 1908. She married Charles Devoe, on 16, September, 1924. Charles was born on 23, June, 1902 and died 17, August, 1964. They had four children.

Colletta-married Bob Wuetric, three children.

Hollis-married Esther, five children.

Robert- married Norma Nauenschwander, four children.

Joann-married Truman Selch, two children.

Ralph Perry- born 5, September, 1910 and died 7, [illegible], 1973. He married Dorthy Bagley 5, November, 1947, she was born on 17, March, 191[illegible]. They had two children.

Arlene-married Gerald Manthey 19, May, 1967. They have three children.

Leroy Dale-married Linda Reed 8, January, 1972. They have two children.

Clifford- born 4, March, 19[illegible]. He married Gladys Salgwedel on [illegible], March, 19[illegible]. They have two children.

Jerry-born 1[illegible], August, 19[illegible]3

Randy-born 20, December, 1955, he is now married as of August 1974.

GRANDPA, HARVEY KESSLER

Grandpa grew up on a farm near Monroe, Rock County, Wisconsin. He had two brothers and one sister which I have already mentioned. He went to school through the eighth grade in a country school house which was a five mile trip five days a week. He quit school to help his father on the farm.

As a boy Grandpa did all the things that parents frown on but know is typical of a young boy. Often he said a group of boys would get together and go raid pumkin and watermellon patches. One night he got some buckshot in his south end as he was heading north to remind him to keep away from that farms crops.

When he was a young man of eighteen he went to the Wisconsin Dells for a short trip. There is a rock along the river there that is known to all the tourist as "Standing Rock" where you see a Norman Shepard jump across from one rock to another. Grandpa said when he went there he had one of his

friends jumped across that same rock. Grandpa said that in the winter he and his friends would make a sort of a plow and push it along the road or through a field wherever the snow was the deepest. They would do this so they could take the girls out.

They would go to barn dances, church gatherings and school affairs for social activities. He says it was fun, he didn't have much money but they had justas much fun as kids do today.

PREFACE:

This section is of my Grandmothers' parents and my Grandmothers life. The material was gotten from interviews from my Grandmother. It only goes back to her parents because she never knew her grandparents and there is no record of them.

[illegible]

[illegible] they Thier both came from Germany when they were very young. [illegible] lived in Fondalack Wisconsin. She had four brothers [illegible] one sister which she lost contact with after her marriage. As a child and a young woman she worked in a shoe factory in town. She would go to Monroe Wisconsin, which is close to Fondalack, to visit a girlfriend. On one of these trips she met Tom. Soon they were married and Tom started looking for a job. For a few years after their marriage he worked as a hired man. Later they bought his fathers farm and remained there until three years before Cathy's death. They moved into Monroe and bought a small little house. Cathy died in 190[illegible] and Tom in 1965.

They had one son and three daughters.

Gladys- the oldest was born September of 1905. She is now living in Monroe Wisconsin on a farm with her husband.

Frances- was born May of 1908. This is my Grandmother. She is now living on a farm with her husband, Nathan, near Evansville Wis.

Viola- was born January of 1909. She is now living in Monroe Wisconsin with her husband who has his own business.

Leroy- was born in October of 1911. He lives on a farm outside of Monroe.

Grandmother said her mother was motherly and treated all the kids fairly. Because of the lack of money their mother would sew most of their clothes and taught all the girls to sew. All three of the girls grew up sewing for others to make money.

[illegible] UNG R

[illegible] in Mondalack Wisconsin. In her family they believed in bringing up the kids with strict measures. [illegible] consisted of milking cows, feeding the livestock, cleaning the barn, housework and milking at night.

She went to a country school up to eighth grade about two miles away. For social gatherings there were school and church programs, barn dances, fairs, and visiting the neighbors.

The only job she ever had was doing housework for a lady in Monroe Wisconsin for seven dollars a week. This was just before she got married. She saved up one-hundred dollars then got married.

She says her parents didn't have much money. Her mother made most of their clothes and also helped with the chores.

MARRIAGE OF [illegible] THEIR FATHER AND GRANDMOTHER UNGER

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]rances met on a Saturday night barn dance. They went out for two years before they could afford to get married. After their marriage they lived with Nathans folks, Joseph and Mary, for about one and a half years before they could rent a farm in Monticello.

They were married in 1930 and were as happy as people are now Grandma says. She remembers that when in 1931 the depression came and affected the farmers that it was really tough. Hogs were going for three dollars a hundred pounds and eggs were about six cents a dozen. You could buy a good milk cow for about thirty-five dollars. One of their first milk checks was thirty-two dollars for the whole month to live on.

When they finally bought a farm of their own they found themselves with very little furniture. The first night all they had for heat was the stove. They slept on blankets on the floor by the stove. Grandma brought her flowers along with her and set them on the stove so they would be warm enough. During the night the stove went out and all the flowers froze and so did Grandma and Grandma.

They still live on the same farm that is about fourteen miles from Janesville. Grandma farmed and milked the cows twice a day until 1939, when he semi retired. He now has about twenty [illegible] in us cows which he raises for the slaughter house. There are still chickens running around and of course he still

has [illegible] 19 o Johnny 3 tractor. He now farms very little of his eighty acres, most of it is rented to the neighbor.

[illegible] now because for the first time in his life [illegible] not worry about milking the cows. They [illegible] by people now.

[illegible] forgot to mention that they had one daughter, Sally Ann. Sally was born 2[illegible], ecember 1932.

MOTHER SALLY [illegible]

Sally grew up on the same farm her parents still live on. She was an only child. As a young girl she had her everyday chores to help her father. When she wasn't helping her dad she was fooling around with her horse. She never spent much time in the house learning to cook or sew.

The family would go on picnics and family gatherings. The family was a very close one and there were many good times.

She says her parents were wonderful, kind, too generous, and strict. She said both her mother and father would disapline her, but her fathers word was law.

The family was of average income, there was always money for the things they wanted or places they wanted to go. For the summer months she would detassle corn or help around the farm to earn spending money.

She graduated from Evansville High School in Evansville Wisconsin. She loved school and had a great social life. She had many dates and was homecoming queen of her class. After she was through with school she got married at the age of eighteen to [illegible] whose parents had a farm near her folks. They were married for two years and had one daughter, Laurinda Kay born in 17 May, 1953. They were divorced and Sally went home to [illegible] with her parents. When she was twenty one her best friend whoom she met at work introduced her to her brother Max Robinson. Their relationship will continue further on in this

PREFACE

This section is of my fathers side of our family. It sta starts out with his fathers parents and goes through his mothers life and to his childhood. All the information gotten was from personal interviews and letters. My grandfather also has various letters and part of a diary which he had made into a book of a man, Oliver Robinson, who fought in the civil war. Ive also taken some information out of this book.

BACKGROUND

Andrea Anderson, a good mannered woman who likes to listen to music married Albert Robinson when she was twenty-two. After they were married they moved on a farm one mile north of Viroqua Wisconsin, where they worked for Governor Jerimiah Rusk to pay for the farm that they planned to buy.

Andrea was about five foot eight and weighed around one-hundred-thirty pounds. Albert was a man of six feet and weighed about two hundred-fifty pounds.

Albert was a serious hard working man. He was proud especially of his accomplishments. He worked as a barber, Justice of the Peace, and a farmer.

Three children were born to them. There was Alice Mable, Charles, and Herman Douglas. After all the children were born they moved to a farm six miles from Viroqua. They had no conflicts here concerning family matters but money was tight. They used the money they earned to pay off the farm, food, clothing, and machinery. They were a happy family.

[illegible], CHARLES ROBINSON

Grandfather was born on a farm six miles east of Viroqua in Bissom Branch school district. There were three children in the family. Alice Mable was the eldest, Grandfather, Charles, six years younger, and Sherman Douglas, six years younger than Charles. Alice and Charles got along rather well but they found their little brother annoying most of the time.

As a young boy he helped to carry in the wood for the stove, clean the barn, feed livestock, shovel snow, or cut grass, and spent alot of time taking care of the horses.

To earn money all he could do was to help the neighbors during thrashing season and cut wood. He was needed at home so he couldn't leave home. There wasn't much to spend the money on so he didn't miss it.

School was two miles to and from to walk everyday. He says he liked school and would have liked to have gone further than eighth grade but it was impossible because his father needed him. There wasn't enough money to pay for room and board in town six miles away. So he stayed at home until he got a job in town with the telephone and telegraph company.

The family rarely had picnics but went to all the county fairs. They use to take part in all the community affairs such as church meetings, school and church programs, parties, dances, auction sales, and working bees for the neighbors who were sick or had some misfortune. On Sunday they would all go to church and each would put in one penny.

GRANDMOTHER VIRGINIA VANS

There were ten children, six of whom died in their early months. There was one boy and three girls who lived to adulthood. The family lived in Viroqua Wisconsin in town. Virginia's father was a painter and a interior decorator in the town.

Virginia's life as a young girl she says was very dull and boring. When I asked her questions she said her life was too dull to tell about so I learned very little about it.

Virginia helped around the house she never had a job. She went to school through the eighth grade. She says she never made any plans for the future or had any goals. The family had very little money so they had very little. When they had the money they would go to Sunday school or Church. In March she met a man named Charles Robinson . She married at the age of twentythree.

MARRIAGE OF CHARLES AND VIRGINIA

Charles met Virginia while working on a Western Union Telegraph Company pole in front of her house. They were married for about twenty-three years and then they divorced. When I asked both of them questions on their marriage they said different things so first of all I will tell Charles view of their marriage.

He says for dates they would go to movies or to visit her sister. When he told his parents of their decision to get married they said they didn't mind but they thought that they should wait for awhile longer. During the first two years of their marriage they lived in Huntsville, Alabama, Casey, Illinois, Ironwood, Michigan, Mercer Wisconsin, Van Buskirk, Wisconsin, Iron Mt., Michigan, Deerfield , Illinois, Northbrook, Illinois, Rockford, Illinois. They then set up more permanent residence in Tomah and Milton Wisconsin where they had two children. Katheleen and Max.

Charles jobs consisted of telegraph and telephone work, farming, car mechanic, salesman and bill collector. He says they had big events in their lives. The depression, raising the kids, and the family outings left everlasting memories. They would go visit relatives and went on two large vacations to Mexico and the Blackhills.

Grandmother says they had no family outings and never did much of anything. She feels badly about the way her life

want. He feels they brought the two children up right, Grandfather feels that his children could have done better. Grandmother now lives in Leaf River Illinois above the telephone office that charles still owns. She still works for him. She is about five foot two inches tall and weighs around one hundred pounds. She is full of pep and still tells everyone what to do and how to do it. We all love her dearly and she seems very happy now.

Grandfather lives in Rockford now and is remarried. He has never seemed like a grandfather at all. I don't know what he is like he has always seemed quite and strict. He owns the LeafRiver Telephone company and an Electric company here in Rockford.

[illegible]THER, [illegible] ROBINSON

[illegible] was born [illegible], May, 19[illegible] in Cas[illegible] Illinois. Most of his life he [illegible] in Milton Wisconsin. As a young boy he use to ski[illegible] school and [illegible] hin[illegible] for his grades he didn't care that much. He says that the family use to take picnics and took two large vacation trips. He has one sister who is one year older than he is, her name is katie. Katie and Max spent alot of time together while they were growing up. Because they didn't have use of the family car for dates very often they would double. Katie would tell whoever was taking her out that they had to take her brother and his date too or she wouldn't go, so thats the way they took care of that problem. After High school he worked for Delafield North West Telephone Co. the after two years he joined the Marines. After going through the Marines he got a job and his sister introduced him to Sally Robinson. He was twenty-four and she was twenty-one at the time.

MARIAL [illegible]

[illegible]ax and [illegible]ly were married at Sally's parents farm on 11, September, 19[illegible]3. After their marriage they lived in Milwaukee Wisconsin so that Dad could go to Milwaukee School of Engineering where he went to school for one year. Then in 1954 they moved [illegible] Illinois because his father bought the telephone company in that town. In 1955 I was born to them. A little later that same year they bought their first house in Leaf River. At this time also dad started working for Sunstrand in Rockford nights as a Lab Technichian. In 1956 Mark was born in the month of April on the 30th. Around this time mon and dad bought themselves two horses and we got our first dog, Pepper. In 1960 dad started working as a foreman at Sundstrand. While we were growing up we spent alot of time in the summer with our grandparents on the farm in Wisconsin. When I was about six years old I got my first pony, Turby, who I had until 1968. As a family they would take us up to a lake in Portage Wisconsin where we would swim, ski, and fish. We also took two trips, one to Canada and to Colorado. In 1967 dad got a job at Rockford Clutch as a Quality Control Manager in Rockford. That same year we moved to Winnebago on Montague Road. Here we began to build a barn for our horses and a fence. After about six years we got it completed. In 1968 in May on the 24th Terry Lee was born.

Today dad still works the same place and mom works as an accountant at Gates Rubber Co. in Rockford. They have finally

[illegible]t the thing for their home that they have always wanted to make it comfortable for them. Laurinda is in Whitewater University in Wisconsin in her last semester and Mark is at Platteville Wisconsin. I am attending Rock Valley and Terry is in First grade. That is where our family stands now.

Ms. JO[illegible]N

I came bouncing into the world on the 26th of Febuary 1955 on a cold day. I grew up having animals around all the time and spent lot of time on my pony dreaming up all sorts of games and beleiving that I would some day marry him. I have always brought home stray animals and mom and dad have put up with it. I have had snakes, pigeons, coons and even baby possums for pets. My favorite has always been horses. I have shown ever since I was old enough to stay on the horse and have loved every minute of it. My first real job was at a horsemanship school my junior summer where I taught horsemanship and cooked for twenty to thirty girls a week. The next job I got was at the Childrens Farm in Rockford with all the animals.

After high school I decided to go to Rock Valley and study to be a policewoman. That went down the drain because I have arthiritis in my legs so I thought I would head towards Sociology. Last New Years Eve I met a guy who is from Quito Ecuador, South America, that sort of changed all my plans. Now we are getting married and moving to Oakbrook Illinois. That is where my life is now.

ROCKERS, KAY MARIE JENSEN, 1944-

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I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name CARL ANDREAS JENSEN Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death Aug 29, 1969

Place of birth FINNSNES, NORWAY Date of Birth 18, MAY, 1886

Education (number of years):
grade school 6 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) — PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Occupation	Dates	Place of residence	Dates
1st FISHERMAN	1900	1st CHICAGO	1903
2nd CHAUFFEUR & GARDENER	1903-04	2nd CHIPPEWA FALLS	1906
3rd LUMBERJACK	1906	3rd SIEGWARD, ILL	1910
4th FACTORY	1912-68	4th BELOIT, WI.	1912-1969

Religion LUTHERAN

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. NONE

Place of Marriage to your grandmother ROCKFORD date 1911

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name JENNY JENSEN (JOHNSON) Current Residence BELOIT
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth DRUMMAND, NORWAY Date of birth 29, JUNE, 1895

Education (number of years):
grade school 6 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) — PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Occupation	Dates	Place of residence	Dates
1st FARMER	1900-12	1st BELOIT	1911
2nd HOUSEWIFE	1912	2nd ROSCOE	1914
3rd DOMESTIC	1931	3rd AFTON	1917
4th _____	Dates _____	4th BELOIT	1918-

Religion LUTHERAN

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. NONE

Place of marriage to your grandfather ROCKFORD DATE 1911

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name DANTE GHIONZZI Current Residence So. BELOIT, ILL.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth PONTICINO, ITALY Date of birth 1, OCT, 1871
Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st BLACKSMITH SHOP Dates 1903 1st GERMANY Dates 1907
2nd SLATE MINES Dates 1906 2nd BELOIT, WI. Dates 1914
3rd STEEL MILL Dates 1907 3rd S. BELOIT, ILL Dates 1922
4th CONSTRUCTION Dates 1914 4th Dates

Religion CATHOLIC, ALTHOUGH did NOT PRACTICE.
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.
DEMOCRATE, ITALIAN HUMANITY CLUB
Place of marriage to your grandmother ROCKFORD date 1920
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name TERESA NANNINI Current Residence
If dead, date of death 14, JAN, 1965
Place of birth PERGINE, ITALY Date of birth NOV 27, 1892
Education (number of years)
grade school 3 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st DOMESTIC Dates 1909-1919 1st GENOA, ITALY Dates
2nd SEWING IN FACTORY Dates 1921-22 2nd BELOIT, WI. Dates
3rd HOUSEWIFE Dates 3rd S. BELOIT, IL. Dates

Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. DEMOCRATE
Place of marriage to your grandfather date
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A G B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

3. Name EDWARD JENSEN
Place of birth BETON, WIS. date 20, MARCH 1917
Number of years of schooling 8 + VOCA. Occupation TOOL & DIE MAKER
Residence So. BELOIT Marital Status M
Number of children 4

4. Name ESTHER JENSEN McEVOY
Place of birth BELOIT, WI. date JAN 29 1912
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation FACTORY WORKER
Residence BELOIT, WI. Marital Status WIDOW
Number of children 0

2. Name ANNA JENSEN PETRICK
Place of birth BELOIT date 20 JULY, 1914
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation FACTORY WORKER
Residence BELOIT Marital Status WIDOW
Number of children 6

5. Name EDNA JENSEN JENSEN
Place of birth BETON date 20, MARCH, 1917
Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation
Residence Marital Status DECEASED - 1952
Number of children 2

1. Name RALPH JENSEN
Place of birth BELOIT date 6, MARCH, 1923
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation STEAM FITTER
Residence So. BELOIT Marital Status M
Number of children 12

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name MAZINA (MAXINE) JENSEN
Place of birth BELOIT date 2, JUNE, 1921
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
Residence So. BELOIT Marital Status M
Number of children 4

2. Name BERNICE GUNDERSON
Place of birth So. BELOIT date 13, DEC, 1922
Number of years of schooling 12, SEC. COLLEGE Occupation HOUSEWIFE
Residence ARLINGTON, WI. Marital Status M
Number of children 3

3. Name BRUNO GIANNAZZI
Place of birth BELOIT date 17 JAN, 1925
Number of years of schooling 12, 4 YRS. COLLEGE Occupation SALES MANAGER
Residence CASTRO VALLEY, CALIF Marital Status M
Number of children 8

4. Name ALVIN GIANNAZZI
Place of birth So. BELOIT date 17, NOV, 1927
Number of years of schooling 12, 2 YRS COLLEGE Occupation MACHINE DESIGN
Residence So. BELOIT Marital Status
Number of children 3

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name EDWARD JENSEN Current Residence So. BELOIT, ILL.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth 20, MARCH, 1917 Date of birth
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st FARMER	Dates 1932-35	1st	ELKHORN	Dates 1932
2nd CCC CAMP / FARMER	Dates 1935-1936 / 1936 1941	2nd	CITY POINT	Dates 1935
3rd TRUCK DRIVER / GROCER	Dates 1946-1951	3rd	NEWARK, WI	Dates 1936
4th TOOL + DIE MAKER	Dates 1951-1968	4th	BELOIT, + S. BELOIT	Dates

Religion LUTHERAN

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. DEMOCRATIC, ELKS, ROUND DANCE + SQUARE DANCE CLUB
Place of marriage to your mother date
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name MAXINE JENSEN Current Residence So. BELOIT
If dead, date of death

Place of birth BELOIT Date of birth 2, JUNE, 1921
Education (number of years)
grade school 6 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st DOMESTIC	Dates 1936	1st		Dates
2nd GROCER	Dates 1946-57	2nd		Dates
3rd WESTERN WEAR	Dates	3rd		Dates

Religion LUTHERAN
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. DEMOCRATIC
Place of marriage to your father DuBUQUE, IOWA date 15, JUNE, 1940
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name ANITA ARON JORDAN
Place of birth BELOIT Date of birth 26, JUNE, 1941
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
Residence FREMONT, CALIF Marital Status M
Number of children 1

Name LINDA JEAN LARSON
Place of birth BELOIT Date of birth 22, JUNE, 1942
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
Residence ROSCOE, IL. Marital Status M
Number of children 2

Name KAY MARIE ROCKERS
Place of birth BELOIT Date of birth 4, JULY, 1944
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
Residence ROSCOE, IL. Marital Status M
Number of children 0

Name DONNA LEE PETERS
Place of birth BELOIT Date of birth 9, AUG, 1945
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation
Residence SAN JOSE, CALIF. Marital Status M
Number of children 1

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth Date of birth
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Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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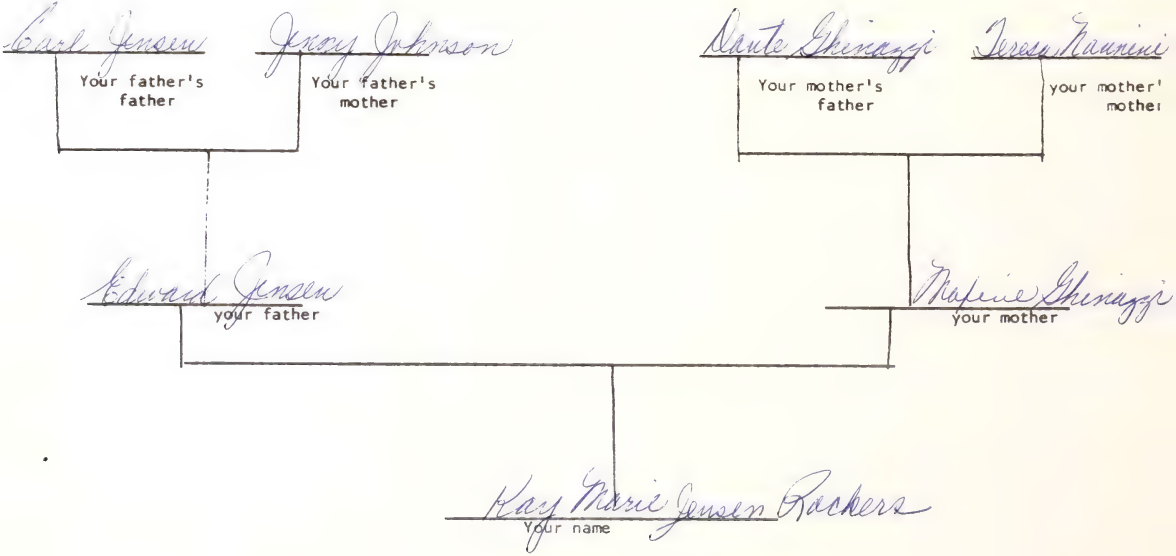
Date 12-7-74

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



SOURCES OF INFORMATION

MAXINE JENSEN (Mother)

EDWARD JENSEN (Father)

DANTE GHINAZZI (Grandfather)

LINDA LARSON (Sister)

BERNICE GUNDERSON (Aunt)

JENNY JENSEN (Grandmother)

DANTE GHINAZZI

My maternal grandfather was born the sixth of nine children in Pergine, Arezzo, Italy on 1, October, 1891. His family was very poor and life was hard. His father was a man who never took anything seriously, including providing for his family. Whatever money he was able to make was spent on wine and eventually he became an alcoholic. He died in 1933 at the age of 83. My grandfather's mother was a good woman, devoting her life to her children. She spoiled them so much that they all thought of themselves as better and more important than most people. She died in 1936 at the age of 86.

My grandfather left home at the age of 12, traveling to larger cities to find work. All of the men in the family were expected to work in order to send money home. He had many jobs in Europe, but never seemed to make enough to really help. At one time he worked in a blacksmith's shop for six months. He eventually went deaf and was advised to leave the shop because there was a machine being used that created a moise at a pitch that caused his deafness. After a few months he regained his hearing but his left ear was permanently damaged and caused him trouble all of his life. Today he has very bad hearing that he has tried to correct with a hearing aid, but finds it difficult to get used to it.

He eventually joined the Italian army. He can't remember the year, but he does remember that in 1914, he left Italy for France to avoid being recalled. We tease him about being a draft dodger but he is quick to point

out that life was hard and since the army paid almost nothing he had to leave in order to support his family. He felt it was up to him because the other brothers were not reliable about sending money home. From France he came to the United States. He expected to come for just a few years, make a lot of money and return home. He came to the Beloit area because his brother, Sam, already lived here and also because there were many people living here from the same area in Italy. The people from his region are called "Toscana". They consider themselves the true Italians because they speak the language taught and written.

At my grandfather's time the children were expected to only go to the third grade. Because he was uneducated and unable to speak English, he did the most menial of jobs. Many times he was forced to pay the Supervisor in order to keep his job. He feels this was a common practice at a time when there were no unions to help the workers. One of his first jobs was to dig the basement for the St. Paul Catholic church in Beloit. He didn't have the job long because he refused to pay the church a portion of his paycheck. He never trusted the church and felt it took too much from the poor, giving them only fear in return.

He joined the American army after a few years, and was immediately put on a telephone. He couldn't hear very well or understand the language and it was quite awhile before his superiors finally realized the problem. He tells this story whenever he wants to point out how stupid the army was.

After about six years he realized he wouldn't be able to return to Italy because times were hard not only here but over there as well. After saving his money he sent for his childhood sweetheart who had waited for him all these years.

TERESA NANNINI

She was born the oldest of four children to an orphaned mother. Her mother died at the age of 36, when my grandmother was only 12 years old.

Her sisters have always thought of her as their mother and even today talk about her with an obvious affection and deep love. They feel she lived such a hard life that most people would have become bitter or broken under the strain. But she was always a happy person and made their life easier. I remember her also as an extraordinary person with a marvelous sense of humor.

One of her sisters became pregnant and had an illegitimate son. The father of the child wouldn't marry her because he came from a wealthy family and felt he couldn't embarrass his family by marrying into such a poor family. In Italy at this time a child had to be recognized by the father or else the mother would have to give it to the state for adoption. Because there were no brothers in the family my grandmother felt it was her responsibility to confront the man.

One night she and her father went to the man and warned him that they would kill him one night when he was walking alone if he did not immediately recognize the child. Needless to say he did finally agree to recognize the child although he refused to pay for his support.

The irony of this is that many years later he tried to convince the mother that they should now marry since his mother was dead and could no longer

object. She refused reminding him that her need for him was long gone. Because he did not have any other children, his illegitimate son inherited all his wealth and now his mother and family live in a 30-room mansion.

My grandmother was 29 years old when she came to America. Her sister says you could not pick up one sheet of paper for ten years without my grandfather's name written on it somehwere. It's difficult to believe that they considered their love to be such a great love story because I never saw them even hold hands.

She arrived in America in 1920 and they were married in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois.

DANTE AND TERESA GHINAZZI

They had four children: Maxine, Bernice, Bruno and Alvaro (he was always called Babe by his immediate family).

Their first home was an above average house in Beloit with four bedrooms and indoor plumbing. They rented room and board to two men for about four years.

Eventually my grandfather was influenced by his brother to buy a small piece of land. He was influenced many times in his life by his brother no matter how hard my grandmother objected. My grandfather made most of the decisions and very seldom consulted her.

When they moved into the house they had two children, Maxine and Bernice. Bernice was just a few months old and immediately caught pneumonia. The house has four rooms with no plumbing or heating. It was winter and only through constant care was Bernice able to live.

In the spring they bought a cow and a horse. They tried to farm but knew nothing about it and eventually had to give it up.

My grandfather has always been a very emotional man capable of unreasonable thoughts, while my grandmother was happy and able to see the light side of things. My grandfather always saw the worse side and this was the difficult part of their life together. But she was able to pull him out of these moods and make him laugh at himself and life. He has always said this was

Part 1: Initial Contact

They had been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

probably the only way he was able to go on.

In 1925 they saved enough money to build a bigger house next door. But after it was finished he couldn't afford to live in it. They rented it out for a few years and in 1928 were able to move into it themselves.

From 1922 to 1929, they worked hard and saved enough money to buy a car. In 1929 they took all their money out of the bank and in two months the country was in a depression. He lost his job and didn't work again for two years.

They were resourceful people and worked hard raising a garden, chickens and rabbits. They canned everything and never were without food or shelter. My mother believes this was the only way they could have survived.

My grandmother and grandfather were very small people. She was only 4'10", but strong and capable of working harder than a man. There are many stories of how strong she was but I remember one in particular.

They were renting the small house but never insisted on being paid because of the hard times. One day my grandfather became angry because the rentor was seen spending what money he had on drinking. I've never been able to understand the logic, but my grandfather raised the rent by $2.00. This made the rentor so angry that he burst into the house and tried to beat up my grandfather. When my grandmother saw this she ran to them, shoved my grandfather aside, picked the rentor up almost over her head and threw him out the back door.

Both my grandparents were loving people, but where my grandfather was strict and firm my grandmother was lenient and overlooked most childish behavior. Sometimes she was too lenient and allowed her children and grandchildren to ruin many things that should not have been.

During meals it was a rule that only Italian could be spoken. This, of course, changed as his children grew up and married non-Italians. He was especially strict with my mother, Maxine. It seems to be because she was strong-willed and full of life.

My grandfather went out every Saturday night, usually leaving my grandmother at home. She never liked socializing and would only go for a special occasion. Although my grandfather liked wine and enjoyed playing cards, my mother says she only saw my grandfather drunk twice. Once when my uncle returned from the war and once when the mortgage was paid on the house.

My grandmother preferred staying at home and no amount of coaxing would convince her to go if she didn't feel like it. She enjoyed her family and close friends but it was usually in her home. I can remember riding the bus to and from town, laughing all the way. She always observed things around her with humor and imagination. We fought to sit next to her, or if we were staying over night to sleep with her. It became harder and harder to convince her to leave the house as she got older unless it was to visit her family. I can't really remember why except that's the way she wanted it.

In the early 30's when my grandmother was about 40 years old, she became pregnant with her fifth child. She realized that life was going to be hard for a long time so she decided she couldn't afford to have the child. She went to a woman that lived in South Beloit, Illinois. The woman gave her some pills and the child was aborted. It was out of necessity that she did it and although she never regretted it, she often talked about what it might have been like. When I first overheard her talking about it, I was hurt and shocked. But I soon realized how much she must have loved her family and am not sure I could have been so unselfish.

In 1946, my mother and father bought a grocery store and my grandfather was more than happy to become a partner. He hated the factory and said the store was like a gift from heaven. He felt this was the beginning of a better life for him and went into it with enthusiasm. He was able to save money and in 1957, the year he retired, my grandparents returned to Italy to see their family. It was an emotional trip after being away so long, but the most important thing that happened had to do with a long standing source of argument between my grandparents.

My grandfather always sent money to his family in Italy without questioning it, but never allowed my grandmother to send anything to her family without an argument. Many times she had to do it behind his back. After the trip he realized how much her family needed it and were even sharing it with other people who were worse off than they were. He never questioned it again.

My grandmother died in 1965 and left an emptiness in my grandfather's life he has never been able to completely accept. Nor have any of us. We've all

been affected by her death deeply in some way,

I can remember both my grandparents in my life with love and respect, not only because of what they gave me, but their ability to adjust to life here. Although they never lost their accent, they did learn to speak English and to read enough to understand the newspaper. They were loving people who believed the family was the most important thing in their life. Their children were all very devoted and still treat my grandfather with love and patience. He lives with my mother in his own home, the center of our attention. He's an old man now and it's sad to see him so dependent when he was once so proud and independent. When he dies it will be a deep loss felt by all of us. A part of an era we lived in together will be gone. He doesn't understand this feeling we have, he only knows that he is old and feels helpless. But we all want to hang onto our past and know that when he's gone the last tie with it will leave us with only memories.

There are times certain things I see or smell make my mind stop and go back and I see and feel something from long ago. Some are only feelings and fast, quick images I can't capture, but I always come back to a picture taken of my grandmother and me. She had large, soft breasts and when I was held in her arms, rocked back and forth with words spoken in Italian softly in my ear, nothing else mattered. And, although I can feel such tender and almost vulnerable feelings, she gave me strength. She never allowed you to fail in that. Somehow, you knew loving and caring would make you strong no matter what the word did around you. As long as you lived, she used to say, noone can take away your moment, your now.

CHILDREN OF TERESA AND DANTE GHINAZZI

Maxine Ghinazza JENSEN - Maxine lives with her father in his home at 510 Dearborn, South Beloit, Illinois. Her husband lives there also and has never objected to this although they have had to give up a great deal of their independence. They accept what they feel is their responsibility.

Bernice Ghinazza GUNDERSON - Bernice is a great deal like her mother. She is very tender and goes out of her way not to hurt anyone. Her husband, Buell, is a hog farmer for the University of Wisconsin and live in DeForest, Wisconsin. They have three children: Alan, Teresa and Gordon. They come to see her father at least once a week and encourage him to visit them. Their son, Alan, goes to the University of Wisconsin and Teresa attends a secretarial school in Madison. Gordon is in Junior High School and lives at home.

Alvaro GHINAZZA - Alvaro lives in South Beloit and has his own electrical design business in Rockford. He makes above average income and has three children: John, Denise and Tina. John attends the University of Illinois in Champagne and Denise attends a small college in southern Illinois. Tina is still in high school and is living at home. Alvaro sees his father almost every day and helps whenever he can.

Bruno GHINAZZI - Bruno lives in Castro Valley, California. He has eight children and makes an above average income. He works for Colt Industries as a Sales Manager. During the war he was with the Secret Service and although has many stories to tell of his experiences, he refused to talk about them in detail. He very seldom comes home unless on business, although he believes he is very close to his father. I have expressed my disappointment very emphatically on his vacations on yachts and trips to Hawaii without giving any real effort to visit his 83 year old father. Just recently he sent a letter saying that they <u>may</u> come home for Christmas. I don't feel that after 10 years I can accept this as an example of his deep love for his family here.

CARL AND JENNY JENSEN

My father knows very little about his parents life before they were married, therefore I'll have to begin with their life together.

My paternal grandparents were introduced by her uncle and I can only guess that she was pregnant before they were married. When I asked how or why they decided to marry, my mother said with obvious difficulty that sometimes questions were better not asked. I can't understand her difficulty in talking about it because I certainly am at an age where it wouldn't bother me, but my father didn't seem to want to talk about it. My mother, I assume, was being kind for his sake.

Both my grandparents came from poor Norwegian families. Her maiden name was Johnson. They were very proud people. During the depression they lived with her mother and father. It was difficult for them because her mother was a fanatically religious woman and very outspoken. Her father was just the opposite. He ignored his wife's religion and went quietly about his business.

They had five children: Anna, Esther, Edward (my father), Edna (his twin sister), and Ralph. In the 1930's, my grandfather built a large house in Beloit and moved into it with his family.

My grandfather was a hard worker all of his life and tried not to be defeated by his life, believing it took patience and time to acquire a better way to live. But, my grandmother became discouraged by it and by the depression that made their lives even harder. She eventually had a nervous breakdown and lost interest in the house and her family. My grandfather seldom had a clean shirt to wear to work but never complained. The house was never cleaned and if the children were lucky enough to find clothes to wear they could go to school. Eventually this all became too much for him and he began to drink. He became an alcoholic and never was able to get over it.

Although he drank too much, he never missed work, sometimes giving the impression that he preferred to go to work than to stay home.

Times were hard and circumstances worked harder on some people than others. Carl lived to be 83 years old. His family stood by him and took care of him with more love and tenderness as he grew older. They seemed to realize how good a man he was and that the sick person he became was not out of neglect but because he was a sensitive man. Jennie is still living in the house he built, a stronger woman who is also loved deeply by her family. She is always willing to help anyone, remembering how things used to be when she was young. Her daughter, Anna, lives with her and her daughter, Esther, lives next door. They have a close relationship and wonderful senses of humor that can make you laugh at things that are sometimes taken too seriously.

My father feels that if my grandfather had been given encouragement he would have had a better and happier life. At first, when my grandmother could not clean the house, my father would come home from school and try to do it, but it was too much for him. When he was in the 8th grade, he quite school and went to work. He seldom came home preferring to being alone than seeing his family living under the conditions they were becoming used to.

I don't remember much about my father family, except on holidays and family reunions. They were kind people who lived rough lives so different from ours. There always seemed to be a feeling of something in the air that meant we had to go into another room or had to go immediately home. Although my father disapproved of the way they lived, he never said a harsh word to them or to us about them. They always teased my father about being so concerned with the way his clothes look or how he saved all of his money, but I always felt they were proud and a little envious.

My father seemed so willing to talk about his family until he realized I was writing it down for my report. After that he refused to talk much about them, only to say they were good people who worked hard and tried in their own way to make a better life for their children.

EDWARD JENSEN

My father was born on 20, March, 1917, along with his twin sister, Edna. They were very close when they were young, but my father left home as soon as he could. His sister, Anna, said that my father never could stand the way the house was neglected and ever since she could remember he would try to clean it. He would try to convince his sisters they should help, but they weren't interested enough to try.

Most of the jobs he had as a very young man never paid him with money, just room and board. Many of the people he worked for were farmers and very eccentric. One family never allowed their children to reach for their food even if it were directly in front of them. They had to ask permission, not out of courtesy for they were not concerned with etiquette, but because the adults were to be served first. If they tried to reach for a piece of bread or even the salt, the father would stab them with his fork. My father often sat on his left hand to make sure he didn't forget the rules.

When my father lived with his Uncle Ben, they never took a bath all winter and never washed their dishes. After they ate they would turn their plates over to protection against flies or insects. In the summer they would go down to the creek and take their first bath. It wasn't long before my father decided he couldn't live with his uncle.

When my father got his first paying job he bought a bottle of whiskey, just the way every man in his family did. Suddenly, he realized what he was doing. He had always been critical of the way the men used their small paychecks and he felt he had to live differently. He threw the bottle away and bought himself a new suit, instead.

When he met my mother she said he was the best dressed man she had ever seen. He was so particular about his clothes that when he moved back home just before he got married he insisted on doing his own laundry and ironing. After my mother and father were married he critized my mother so much on the way she ironed that they finally decided she would have to send his shirts and pants to the cleaners.

I can't imagine my father ever having to live under the conditions that existed at his mother's and uncle's house. I never knew why he insisted on the house being kept so perfectly clean, I just assumed he was trying to make my life difficult. As I grew up and asked my father why he was so particular I appreciated the things he did and why.

During the depression, my father worked in a C.C.C. Camp. He considers this the best job he had as a young man because he was able to work outside.

When he met my mother he was driving a truck for .35 cents an hour as starting pay and eventually was able to earn $1.25 an hour.

MAXINE GHINAZZI

My mother was born June 2, 1921, the oldest of four children.

My mother talks about her life when she was growing up as happy and as if there were never any real problems. My aunt told me that she often argued with her father because he never could accept her the way she was and suspected her of always being up to something. This never stopped her from having a good time and believing in herself. There was a great deal of love in her family and she feels that is what should be remembered.

In school she was always the one to try out for plays and win the part, even though her father would never allow her to be in any of them. It was not even considered as a possibility but this never stopped her from trying. She was never allowed to wear makeup although when her sister, Bernice, started to wear it, nothing was said. She never had many clothes and remembers many times when she had to wear her brothers shoes to school. One day she refused to do it any more because it was so embarrassing. My grandmother took a pair of her high-heeled shoes and cut the heels off of them, but his was even worse, because the toes stuck straight up in the air.

When my mother was 17, she met my father at a football game. They began to date but my father would only see her during the week. My mother refused to go out with him unless he took her out on Saturday like everyone else. My father believes this was her first step toward telling him what to do.

EDWARD AND MAXINE JENSEN

My mother and father were married on 15, June, 1940. They had planned on getting married in January, but my grandfather became very ill so they postponed it. My sister, Anita, was born on 26, January, 1941. Through the years we figured out that my mother and father must have had to get married although nothing has ever been said about it. We've never thought about it deeply, even when we were young. I've always thought my mother a little silly to have kept it such a secret.

After they were married my mother convinced my father to quit driving a truck and to start on a learning program to be a tool and die maker. She felt that driving a truck was a dangerous job, mostly because the men who were truck drivers lived such rough lives and drank too much. She often made the decisions and my father always did as she wished. Sometimes she didn't make the best decision. My father often talks about the time he could have invested in the safety-belt when it was just patented, but my mother thought it too risky. The man sold the idea to Ford Motor Company and made millions of dollars.

In 1946, they decided to buy a grocery store. My grandfather quit his job in the factory and went in with them as a partner.

I never remember doing anything together except on Sunday afternoon because

they were open seven days a week. We'd go to my grandmother's for dinner every Sunday. This was something we looked forward to all week. My grandmother helped raise us and we were very close.

Holidays and birthdays were spent there and were always a big event. I always thought my grandparents prompted these gatherings on holidays, but my mother started them. She felt it was important for a family to be together especially since we never had a chance to go on vacations together. I remember these holidays as happy and noisy.

We lived above the store in an old run down apartment. I remember being so afraid to get up at night unless the light was turned on first because there were always mice walking around. The apartment had three bedrooms, a bathroom upstairs and a kitchen downstairs and that was all. Any other room was used for storage for the grocery store.

Eventually, in 1954, my parents bought a house in Beloit and were estatic. It had 10 rooms and seemed like a palace. In 1957, they sold the grocery store. Times were a little harder after this. My father had returned to the tool and die shop a few years earlier but right at this time he was put let go.

In 1960, my oldest sister, Anita, got married and what money they saved was spent. She wanted a large wedding not realizing how hard it was on my mother and father. Just a few months later, my sister, Linda, also was married.

In 1962 I had to quit school and received psychiatric help. This only lasted a month but I had missed so much school that I couldn't graduate that year. I went back to school and graduated in 1963. Immediately after graduation my sister, Diana, and I left for California to live with my sister, Linda.

My mother said this was the worse time of her married life. My father blamed it on her that none of their children wanted to live at home. My sister, Anita, and her husband also moved to California, so my father was certain we hated them. This wasn't true, of course, we just wanted to try to live away from home. Six months later I came home and my father was the happiest I've ever seen him.

A few months later my parents sold their big house and rented a house in the country. It was a nice home and my mother was finally able to quite work. I've never seen two people so happy. It was like a second honeymoon. I was old enough to take care of myself and since I had a job and bought a car, they didn't have to worry about me. They were like children. They would go for walks early in the morning before I even thought of getting up, sometimes even in the rain. I was so surprised to see my parents acting like this but it helped me to get to know them as people and I was happy for that chance. To my mother this was the happiest time of their lives and she still talks about it today.

In 1965, my grandmother died. My mother and father and I moved in with my grandfather. They still live there today. It's been hard on them sometimes because he demands so much attention, but they are loving people and I feel are the only ones who could take care of him the way he wants.

About 1968, my father started his own shop which is built next to my grandfather's house. He now has a partner and three men working for him. They are active in the Round Dance and Square Dance clubs and teach a class of Rounds once a week. A year ago, my mother started a clothes store that deals in Square and Round Dance clothes.

We are a very close family and now that Linda lives in Roscoe, my father's only complaint is that my sister Anita and Diana live too far away.

KAY JENSEN ROCKERS

I was born 4, July, 1944. I've often been told that it was quite appropriate that I was born the 4th of July because of my fire-cracker temper.

My life was an easy life, although I was so shy that I found it difficult to cope with things. I remember holidays and family gatherings as the happiest times, although I realize now that it was a way for me to go into hiding.

When I was 17, I realized that I needed time to think. I was not doing well in school and my Spanish teacher informed me that I should have gotten a F on my report card, although she gave me a D because she felt I was in need of help and should talk to my mother about it. When I asked my mother to let me quit school for awhile she was very understanding and only asked that I get professional counseling.

After a few sessions I refused to go any more because the doctor was a little strange himself and annoyed me. My mother never insisted that I go again feeling that after talking to the doctor that what was bothering me was something I had to work out myself. My grandmother would come over to our house every day and talk with me. She never allowed me to think I could go on hiding at home. She explained things to me and made me understand myself.

This was a very important and valuable time in my life. I've always been grateful to her for this. My mother had to work and found it difficult to talk with me without getting very emotional. I returned to school the same year, but went to a Catholic school where I could get a more personal education. We were not religious people but felt it was better that I go to a small school. From then on I seemed to come out of a dream into reality. I was not only no longer afraid to live, but I was anxious to do it on my own. I never understood religion and the school only confused me, but I soon realized that everyone must believe in their own way. I didn't get very good grades in religion class because I thought it all very silly, and often expressed this to my teacher.

In 1968 and 1970, I left my jobs to go to California to take care of my sister, Anita, who was very ill. She needed constant care and since I was the only single person it was easier for me to go for such long periods of time. I've traveled back and forth from Beloit to California many times. I never really stayed in one place longer than a year.

In 1969, I got married to someone that I had known about a year. It didn't last long and after a year I finally realized that I would never be happy with him. I learned a lot more about myself. I realized I was spoiled and expected only good things to happen to me because I never did anything I considered bad. This was a surprise to me that I thought this way because I was always a pessimistic person and looked critically at life, sometimes so synical that my mother could hardly understand me. I've always been a difficult person to get along with but never had malice in my heart toward

anyone. I was always taught to never hurt anyone deliberately and to always be open and honest about everything. I learned that not everyone can do this and sometimes things don't work out at no fault of anyone. I regret having been so foolish to think I could know someone after such a short time. I've never really tried to put the blame on him or myself. We just had different ideas how we should conduct ourselves and I knew that our lives would get worse unless I took a step to help each of us. He insisted that we could work it out but he had done this before and I was tired of trying. When I got the divorce I left immediately for California. I knew I had so much to learn about life and wanted to do it with as much freedom as I could. I was so sheltered and knew it would continue if I remained at home.

After I was in California for a few months, I met a girl who wanted to travel. We went to Oregon, Nevada, Colorado and finally Boise, Idaho, in one month. We had fun but I was finally ready to come home. I've never regretted a thing I've done, no matter how silly and irresponsible it seemed, because I've learned so much and have had so much fun. So many people complain that they got married too young and never had a chance to do anything. I can't say that and when I was ready to get married I knew it was time and that I had done all the things I was able to do under the circumstances of my life.

I could not have grown up the way I needed to without this and without doing the things I have done. While were were traveling we worked at so many stupid jobs. They never paid over $1.25 and we barely made enough to pay for our rent. She had a son that we dragged along with us but we talk about those times now and laugh until we cry at all the silly things that happened to us.

In 1971, I met Ronald Peter Rockers. We dated each other for two years and in 1973 we were married in the Catholic Church. I'd never been baptised so my first marriage wasn't recognized by his church. Although I don't agree with his church, I was baptised and confirmed. I've explained this to my husband and he understands and respects them. Because he never insists that I go to church, I usually go but mostly to please him. I must admit that I do enjoy the sermons because it keeps me informed on how the church feels on many of the issued facing us today. They are quite narrow minded but are improving all the time. I consider the confessional quite an experience. I suppose many people would call me a hypocrite and I sometimes would agree with them, but I never fool myself. I know that I must get more comfort out of the church than I'd like to believe.

My husband and I live on an acre of land we bought from his parents. Right now we live in a trailer that my husband bought about seven years ago, but plan to have a home of our own someday, if possible.

I have an interest in preserving our wildlife and my husband loves to hunt and fish. I have two horses and my husband likes to go bowling, a sport I really can barely stand to think about. We have widely separated interests but both believe in each other and ourselves. We plan to have children eventually but can't agree on how many. He wants several, of course. his good catholic upbringing, again. I don't believe that it's wise in today's world and hope we can agree to have only two. Since I'm not very strong physically and have a tendency to be a hypochondriac, my husband is more than ready to go along with me.

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I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Oscar Thuri Rosene
If dead, date of death
Current Residence R. R. 4, Box 228
Rockford, IL 61111

Place of birth Sweden
Date of Birth 9/9/97

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Farmer	Dates 1909-29	1st DeKalb	Dates 1909
2nd Factory Worker	Dates 1929-39	2nd Kirkland	Dates 1917
3rd Farmer	Dates 1940-Present	3rd Minnesota	Dates 1921
4th	Dates	4th Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1929

Religion Baptist at Birth-Changed to Pentecostal 1953

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Votes Democrat, is a Farm Bureau Member.

Place of Marriage to your grandmother New Ulm, Minnesota date 6/30/21

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Vera Fay Swanson Rosene
If dead, date of death
Current Residence R. R. 4, Box 228
Rockford, IL 61111

Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois
Date of birth 1/3/00

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational ____ college 1

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Teacher	Dates 1919-20	1st Belvidere, Illinois	Dates 1919
2nd Housewife	Dates 1921-44	2nd Minnesota	Dates 1921
3rd Certified Inspector	Dates 1945-50	3rd Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1929
4th Housewife	Dates 1951-Present	4th	Dates

Religion Baptist at Birth-Changed to Pentecostal 1953

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat voter, Women's Democrat Society, Rockford African Violet Club, Home Bureau, and Belvidere Women's Club.

Place of marriage to your grandfather New Ulm, Minnesota DATE 6/30/21

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Frank Joseph Suski Current Residence
If dead, date of death 1/2/66

Place of birth Warsaw, Poland Date of birth July 3, 1897
Education (number of years):
grade school 6 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Farm Laborer	Dates 1911-16	1st New York	Dates 1911-16
2nd Factory Worker	Dates 1917-26	2nd New York	Dates 1917-23
3rd Farm Laborer	Dates 1927-37	3rd Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1924-27
4th Factory Worker	Dates 1938-66	4th Cary, North Dakota	Dates 1928-37
		5th Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1938-66

Religion Catholic at Birth-Changed to Baptist
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, Union Member.

Place of marriage to your grandmother Rockford, Illinois date 6/15/27
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Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Stella Victoria Louvesky Suski Current Residence Phoenix, Arizona
If dead, date of death

Place of birth New York Date of birth September 3, 1907
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Factory Worker	Dates 1925	1st Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1924-27
2nd Mother's Helper	Dates 1966-67	2nd Cary, North Dakota	Dates 1928-37
3rd	Dates	3rd Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1938-68
		4th Phoenix, Arizona	Dates 1969-Pres.

Religion Catholic at Birth--Changed to Baptist
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat Voter.

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Illinois date 6/15/27
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Dorothy Marie Rosene Silvius
Place of birth Minnesota date May 22, 1923
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

2. Name Wendell Oscar Rosene
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date August 11, 1929
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Farmer
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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6. Name
Place of birth date
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7. Name
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8. Name
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9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Frances Victoria Suski Wentworth
Place of birth Cary, North Dakota date March 29, 1929
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Nurse/Housewife
Residence San Manuel, Arizona Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

2. Name Mary Katherine Suski Leddy
Place of birth Cary, North Dakota date December 10, 1930
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Factory Worker/Housewife
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

3. Name Joseph Frank Suski
Place of birth Cary, North Dakota date December 15, 1931
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Factory Worker
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

4. Name George Edward Suski
Place of birth Cary, North Dakota date April 4, 1933
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Computer Programmer
Residence Kent, Washington Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

5. Name Casmir John Suski
Place of birth Cary, North Dakota date November 16, 1935
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Factory Worker
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

6. Name Irene Rose Suski Rosene
Place of birth Cary, North Dakota date January 19, 1936
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

7. Name Anna Eleanor Suski Palm
Place of birth Cary, North Dakota date April 28, 1937
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Nurse/Housewife
Residence Tucson, Arizona Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

8. Name Henry John Suski
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date November 28, 1938
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Factory Worker
Residence Belvidere, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

9. Name Howard Stanley Suski
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date October 18, 1939
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Telephone Lineman
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

10. Name Harold Richard Suski
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date October 11, 1941
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Professional/Teacher
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

CHILDREN of ~~A~~ C & ~~B~~ D (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Margaret Jane Suski Holes
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date May 18, 1974
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Divorced
Number of children 3

2. Name Helen Winnifred Bertha Suski Karr
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date April 14, 1945
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Teacher/Housewife
Residence Fort Defiance, Arizona Marital Status Married
Number of children none

3. Name David James Suski
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date June 18, 1947-Death at Birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name Patricia Lynn Jennifer Suski
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date June 20, 1952
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation Nurse
Residence Belvidere, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children none

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Wendell Oscar Rosene
If dead, date of death
Current Residence R. R. 4, Box 227
Rockford, IL 61111

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois
Date of birth August 11, 1929
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 2 years college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Farmer	Dates 1947-Present		1st Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1947-Present
2nd	Dates		2nd	Dates
3rd	Dates		3rd	Dates
4th	Dates		4th	Dates

Religion Baptist-Changed to Pentecostal 1953

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat Voter, Member of Boone County Volunteer Fire Department, Farm Bureau, Midwest Dairymen Director.

Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, Illinois date June 28, 1953

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Irene Rose Suski Rosene
If dead, date of death
Current Residence R. R. 4, Box 227
Rockford, Illinois 61111

Place of birth Cary, North Dakota
Date of birth January 19, 1936
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates 1953-Present		1st Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1953-Present
2nd	Dates		2nd	Dates
3rd	Dates		3rd	Dates

Religion Baptist-Changed to Pentecostal 1953

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat Voter, Member of Parent Teacher Association, Women's Auxiliary for the Boone County Volunteer Fire Department.

Place of marriage to your father Rockford, Illinois date June 28, 1953

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Vera Sue Rosene
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth June 13, 1954
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children none

Name Wendell Oscar T. Rosene, Jr.
Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois Date of birth May 17, 1957
Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children none

Name Herbert Carl Rosene
Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois Date of birth June 25, 1958
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children none

Name Daniel Milton Rosene
Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois Date of birth February 6, 1966
Number of years of schooling 2 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children none

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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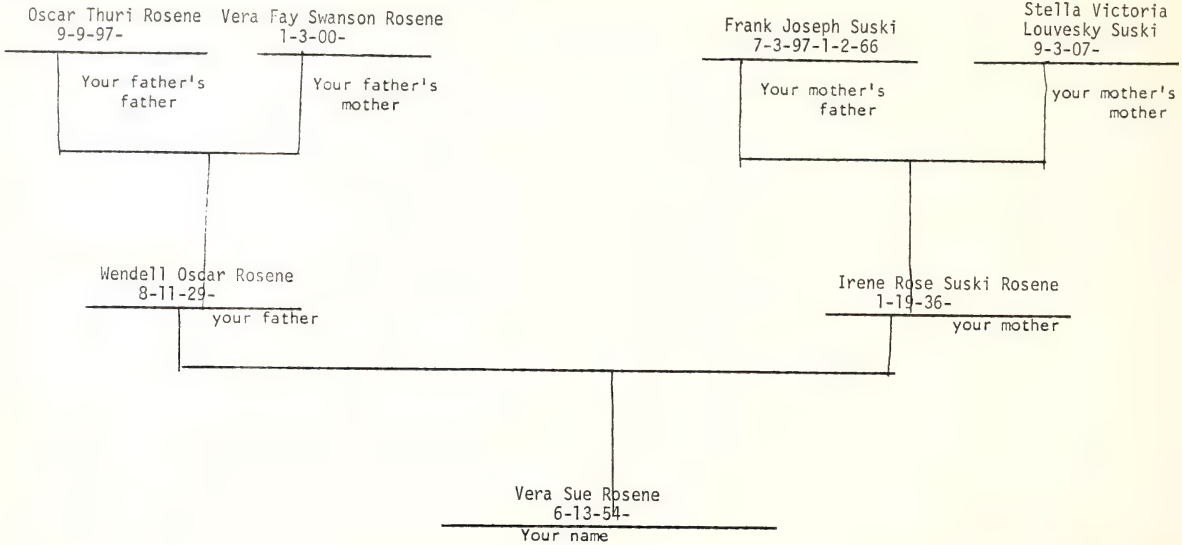
I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Vera Sue Rosene

Date May 3, 1974

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



ON BRIDGE BUILDING

"We need a bridge
To span the gap in understanding,
That treacherous gap
Filled with hate, fear,
Disillusionment, pain and Death!"
Thus cried the human chorus.

"Let's build a bridge
Where men may walk freely,
Children play securely.
A mighty bridge,
Showing our oneness."
Thus cried the human chorus.

"I have the design
For this bridge of life,"
Sang Christian, Hindu, Moslem, and Jew
Buddist, Taoist, Shintoist
While Deist and Atheist added dissonant harmony.
Thus cried the human chorus.

"I have the skills
With various ethnic specialities,
To make this bridge
Strong enough to weather any storm,"
Declared the Black, the White, the Yellow.
Thus cried the human chorus.

A struggle ensued,
And without philosophical
Or technological compromise
Construction remained at a standstill.
"With such rightness and skill,
Why not a bridge?"
Thus cried the human chorus.

The bridge, a dream,
A simple dream if paved with
Mutual respect, recognizing
That all humans have
The same needs for self-worth,
Security, love, and recognition.
Surfaced with a common bond
Of respect and pillared with the
Strengths of individual differences,
Why not a human bridge.

Jill Riverdahl, Teacher
Welsh School-Rockford, Illinois

PREFACE

In this paper I have tried to relate my family's history. The events I enclosed were the ones I thought had a direct forbearance in the lives of each generation. The poem is written by a Rockford teacher, identifying to this paper in its message, as well as the poets home, where most of the Rosene and Suski lives have been spent.

MY FATHER'S PARENTS

My grandfather, Oscar Rosene, arrived in New York on a ship in 1902. At the age of five he learned English quickly, although, his mother and father only spoke Swedish. Grandfather Rosene still speaks Swedish with my Uncle Herbert Rosene, and I (Vera Sue Rosene, granddaughter) also join in when my limited vocabulary allows it.

At the age of twelve, Oscar Rosene moved to DeKalb to live with an Aunt and Uncle and farm with them. During the twenties, with farm prices spiraling downward,he hired out as a farm hand. This, he tells me, gave him a good job, with a small initial investment.

During one of his jaunts to town he stopped in at a barn dance where he met my Grandmother Rosene, at that time Vera Fay Swanson. Shortly, they were married in New Ulm, Minnesota, and set out to make their fortune

In 1923 they adopted Dorothy Marie, thereby starting their family. My grandmother quit teaching upon marriage and with a daughter to raise became a full-time housewife. All during the ten years the family lived in Minnesota, Oscar was a factory worker. However, work was slowing in the North and so the family moved to their past home of Rockford. Oscar again took factory work at Rockford Drop Forge and Barber Coleman. Another baby arrived, a son, Wendell Oscar Rosene.

Then, the depression crashed upon the family. Work was nonexistent, families and friends flocked together for moral support and comfort throughout the depression years.

In 1940 Oscar Rosene could once again follow his first love of farming. Wendell, while living with his father, had also learned to farm in his small sandbox and still farms today, on a much larger scale than the sandbox however. At that time, the family farmed in rural Rockford, today they still are farming within a 10 mile radius of the first farm.

1945 was the year of Dorothy's marriage to Horace Milton Silvius. That year also marked Grandmother Rosene's employment in the stream of World War II women workers. She was a certified inspector that took her job very seriously. Mrs. Rosene inspected bayonets for American servicemen. In her own words, "If I let a defective bayonet through the line that servicemen's death would by on my record." In 1950, with less war materials in production Mrs. Rosene left her job to become a full-time housewife once again.

Hence, the lives of Oscar and Vera Rosene, two democratic voters with farming in their blood throughout their lifetime. In interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Rosene I found exciting details about their lifestyles together. In their own words, "Franklin D. Roosevelt was the greatest man that ever lived, he got us out of the depression!" "The peace and contentment of a happy home with children and grandchildren is the greatest joy in life." Upon reaching retirement age they have, for the past twelve years, spent winters in Brownsville, Texas for their better healths sake as well as their own enjoyment. Each loves to return home in the spring in time to plant the garden and enjoy the blooming flowers and bask in sunshine. They tell me,"during our entire lifetime we would not change a single thing, we are very happy with our lives as it has revealed itself to us."

MY MOTHER'S PARENTS

Stella Victoria Louvesky Suski would not answer questions for me, so I asked my mother to recall all that she could about her parents.

Frank Suski was a good father and a good provider for his family. He married Stella Louvesky in Rockford, Illinois in 1927. Always a religious family attending church was a must. A fruitful marriage provided for thirteen children, all at this time productive members of society, each holding their mother to be the best there ever was.

One vivid memory in my mother's mind was the disagreement between her parents voting beliefs. Father a Republican and Mother a Democrat would argue when election time neared, finally Father in disgust would shout, "neither of us vote, your vote only cancels mine anyway!"

MY PARENTS

Wendell Rosene and Irene Suski met each other on a Sunday School hayride, a month later they were going steady and six months later they were speaking of marriage. True, it does seem quite sudden, but as a member of that family I can say, honestly, neither of them ever had any second thoughts. However, just to make sure I asked each of them, of course, they agreed with me . . . no second thoughts. Wendell Rosene, my father has been a farmer in cooperation with his father ever since his graduation from High School. Irene Rosene, my mother, a city dweller, found it rather difficult to move to a farm when she married. However, now she relates, "I wouldn't trade it for any city living again." Mom has become my dad's right-hand-worker with farming, she is always at his side, bringing him his dinner from home, driving a load of grain to the elevator, picking up a new belt at the implement store, and 100 other things only a farmer can "trust his favorite right-hand-worker to do."

Of course, all of us children came along in good time. We as a family, learned to work the farm together. Each of us has our own chores to do and its our responsibility that things be done right. My dad appreciates what we kids do for him. We kids think that Wendell and Irene Rosene are the kind of parents we wish every youngster could have, without my father and mother I can honestly say I would not be the kind of person I am today. They helped me set my goals and achieve a well rounded practical and technical education.

A very important part of our upbringing was my parents disciple system. If we were bad we got a lecture, sent to our room to think out a punishment for ourselves, and them lectured us again. That was the worst thing our

father could do, lecture us over the kitchen table, where does his business, and has his coffee, speaking with us like adults, I am sure this is one of the reasons that we have all become responsible young adults that we are today.

Our family uses many of the old customs handed down through the generations on each side of the family. We wouldn't have Christmas without having Swedish lutfisk, sylta, korv, marzipan, and kaldammer. We also meet with other Rockford Swedes to celebrate Midsummer Nights Eve. The Coffee Klatch is a Swedish invention, its total meaning is the sharing of coffee and bread with friends for warmth and good talk. The bread might be traditional Swedish pasteries; cinnamon rolls is my dad's favorite, and the drink, of course is countless cups of strong, double brewed Swedish coffee. The Rosene's don't carry on to many Polish customs. However, My mom can recall several of these traditional Polish foods that were brought out on special occasions. These include: Polish hams, sausage and sauerkraut, Pierogi, a dumpling with meat and cheese, Golabki, cabbage rolls, bobkas, a coffee bread, czarnina, duck soup, and Paczki, a special pastery. I don't know why we don't keep the Polish traditions up, unless it is because my mother married in to the Swedish family and traditions and she felt she should submit herself unto her husband and his way of life.

In the following pages I have enclosed several photographs to give a looking as well as a reading view of my family and how we live.

EPILOGUE

This particular assignment was one of the most difficult I have ever attempted. It was extremely difficult for me to sift unimportant facts from important ones and then organize the information into a readable orderly form.

In gathering information I used oral interviews as a primary source of information. My grandmother Rosene also had several old books which proved to be helpful in acquainting myself with a side of my family I had not realized existed.

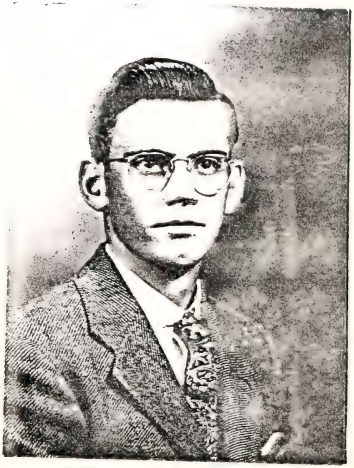
In conclusion, because of the difficulty for me in writing this paper, I feel I spent a great deal of time in planning and organizing the final copy, so it has become a worthwhile project. My entire family appreciates this endeavor to "map" the family growth line. In fact, my father is keeping a copy of this paper in his safe, so years from now we can examine it and make additions for our posterity.

A more recent picture taken at Grandma and Grandpa Rosene's 50th Wedding Aniversary. Vera Sue is standing at the top of the photo, Irene and Wendell next, then Wendell, Herbert, and Daniel.

Grandma and Grandpa Rosene and Wendell Rosene at their 50th Wedding Aniversary.

Vera Fay Swanson Rosene, Shortly after her marriage.
(My Grandmother)

Wendell Rosene's High School Graduation Picture. 1947



Herbert, Wendell, and Vera Sue reading from left to right. Notice Wendell is explaining why his thumb is red and swollen, a bee stung him while we was chopping alfalfa with his father.

ROTELLO, LOUIS, 1954-

PLEASE USE INK; PLEASE PLACE THESE SHEETS AT THE FRONT OF THE SECOND COPY OF YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

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1. Your name Louis Rotello
   Date of form April 21, 1974
2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois
3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.
   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
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4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.
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   XX West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) XX East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
   ___ Pacific (Cal., Wash.) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)
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   XX Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
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   ___ Blacks ___ Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
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   ___ Irish ___ British ___ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian ___ Other
8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?
   XX Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   XX Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs XX Maps XX Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Vito Rotollo Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death Jan. 7, 1969

Place of birth Sambuca, Italy Date of Birth Oct. 9, 1880

Education (number of years):
grade school None high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Plantation worker	Dates 1897	1st Tickfaw, Louisiana	Dates 1897
2nd J.I. Case	Dates 1914	2nd Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1914
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Sacred Hearth Society

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Tickfaw, Louisiana date April 13, 1902

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Virginia Gullotte Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death Sept. 12, 1972

Place of birth Sambuca, Italy Date of birth Jan. 20, 1887

Education (number of years):
grade school None high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates	1st Tickfaw, Louisiana	Dates
2nd	Dates	2nd Rockford, Illinois	Dates
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Sacred Heart Society

Place of marriage to your grandfather Tickfaw, Louisiana DATE April 13, 1902

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name [illegible] Current Residence [illegible]
If dead, date of death [illegible]

Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Education (number of years):
grade school [illegible] high school [illegible] vocational none college [illegible]

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st [illegible] Dates [illegible] 1st [illegible], Illinois Dates [illegible]

2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 2nd [illegible], Brooklyn Dates [illegible]

3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

4th [illegible] Dates [illegible] 4th [illegible] Dates [illegible]

Religion [illegible]
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandmother [illegible], Illinois date [illegible]
Note: If your mother was raised by a ~~stepfather or another relative (to age 18)~~ give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name [illegible] Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death [illegible]

Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth June, [illegible]
Education (number of years)
grade school [illegible] high school [illegible] vocational none college [illegible]

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st [illegible] Dates [illegible] 1st [illegible], Illinois Dates [illegible]

2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

Religion [illegible]
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. [illegible]

Place of marriage to your grandfather [illegible] date [illegible]
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Louis Rotello
Place of birth Tickfaw, Louisiana date December 3, 1904
Number of years of schooling None Occupation Store owner
Residence Deceased Jan 11, 1959 Marital Status Married Ellie (Widow)
Number of children None

2. Name Joe Rotello
Place of birth Tickfaw, Louisiana date Nov. 17, 1905
Number of years of schooling None Occupation Gunite (Foundry)
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children Three

3. Name Sam Rotello
Place of birth Tickfaw, Louisiana date Dec. 25, 1908
Number of years of schooling None Occupation Foloy (Foundry)
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Widower
Number of children Two

4. Name Salvatore Rotello
Place of birth Tickfaw, Louisiana date July 27, 1912
Number of years of schooling Eight Occupation Twin Disc
Residence Deceased Jan 30 1974 Marital Status Married (Mary) Widow
Number of children Two

. Name Josephine Graciana
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date March 27, 1918
Number of years of schooling Ten Occupation Grocery cashier
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Widow
Number of children Two

. Name Mary Guagliardo
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date Oct 26, 1919
Number of years of schooling Four Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children Three

7 Name Stella Graciana
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date Feb 11, 1923
Number of years of schooling Eight Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children Four

8 Name Mike Rotello
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date May 5, 1925
Number of years of schooling Eight Occupation Sunstrand
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children One

. Name Frank Rotello My Father
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

0 Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

Name Samuel Nibbio
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date August,25 1927
Number of years of schooling Twelve years Occupation NI+GAS
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Deceased June 16,1971
Number of children none

Name Eleanor (Nibbio) Rotello Mother
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date May 2, 1929
Number of years of schooling Ten Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children Four

Name Martha Nibbio
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date October 26,1930
Number of years of schooling Twelve Occupation Factory Worker
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children None

Name Frances Nibbio
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date July 17,1932
Number of years of schooling Twelve Occupation Factory Worker
Residence Rockford Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children None

Name Nick Nibbio
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date March 3, 1935
Number of years of schooling Three Years college Occupation Artist
Residence Barrington, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children Seven

Name Vince Nibbio
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date November 18,1936
Number of years of schooling Twelve Occupation Factory Worker
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children Two (expecting third)

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

E. Your Father

Name [illegible] Current Residence [illegible], Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth [illegible], Illinois Date of birth [illegible]
Education (number of years)
grade school [illegible] high school [illegible] vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st [illegible] Dates [illegible] 1st [illegible] Dates [illegible]
2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 2nd ____ Dates ____
3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 3rd ____ Dates ____
4th [illegible] Dates [illegible] 4th ____ Dates ____
Religion [illegible]

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. [illegible]

Place of marriage to your mother [illegible], Illinois date [illegible]
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name [illegible] Current Residence [illegible], Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth [illegible], Illinois Date of birth [illegible]
Education (number of years)
grade school [illegible] high school [illegible] vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st [illegible] Dates [illegible] 1st [illegible], Illinois Dates [illegible]
2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 2nd ____ Dates ____
3rd ____ Dates ____ 3rd ____ Dates ____

Religion [illegible]
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. [illegible]

Place of marriage to your father [illegible] date [illegible]
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
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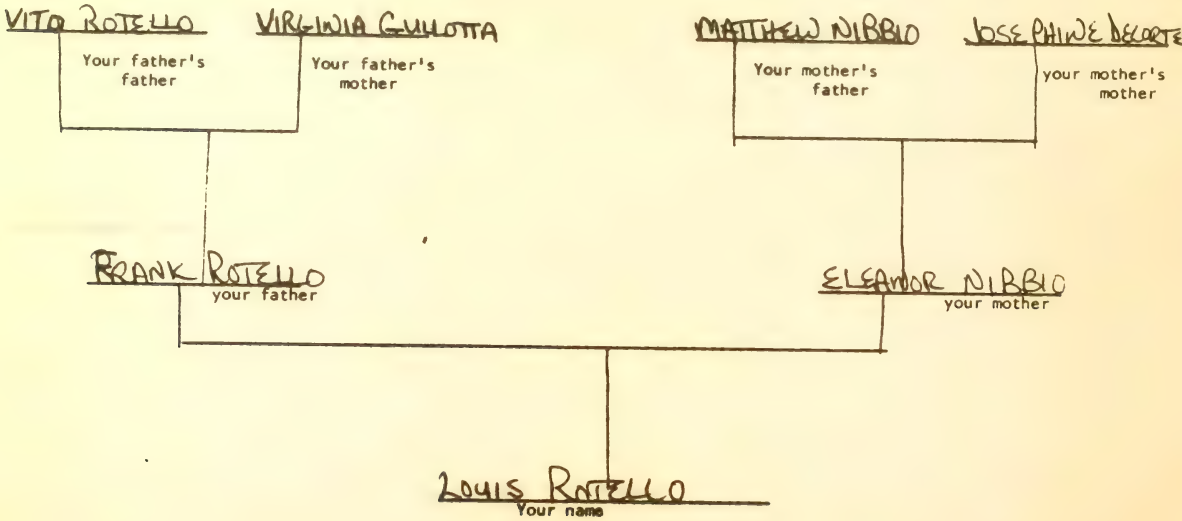
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



INTERVIEWS

I. Frances Dehoff
II. Frances Nibbio
III. Martha Nibbio
IV. Mrs. Amelia Nibbio
V. Mrs Eleanor Rotello
VI. Frank Rotello
VII. Mrs. Josephine Graciana
VIII. Mrs. Mary Guagliardo

WRITTEN INFORMATION

I. Mr. Jim Nibbio
II. Martia Angelo

SALVATORE [illegible]
GREAT [illegible]
MATERIAL

Salvatore, (Sam) [illegible] was born in Marsala, Italy. From what is known he was an orphan. His parents died in [illegible] sort of an accident when he was still young. In Italy he [illegible] store selling wine. With a horse and wagon he might have done some hauling also. He made two trips to the United States. One alone, [illegible] the second with his eldest son Matthew, my Grandfather. His first trip was in 1913, and his second in 1915, with the family to follow. His first place of residence when he migrated to the U.S. was Beloit, Wisconcin. In Beloit like many other Italians he worked in the Railroad yard as a Laborer.

From Beloit they move to Freeport, where they lived with his daughter Frances for six months. Not much was happening in Freeport so he and the family moved to Rockford in 1918. In Rockford he started raising produce and chickens, and was selling both. After that he started a grocery store which he moved to three different locations. He and my Great-grandmother both lacked in education and were very dependent on the kids to help with the business. In those days it took little or no capital to start a business. With everyone helping, even his wife making homemade bread to sell, they made a living.

He had very little, I should say no formal education at all. He could read and write though, learned [illegible] he was in the Italian Army. Like all my Grand-parents, he was simple and honest in all his ways and habits.

I. Salvatore [illegible]
II. Born:
III. Died: 1940
IV. Place of birth: [illegible]
V. Schooling: [illegible]
VI. Occupations: [illegible]
VII. Migrated: [illegible] to Freeport and Rockford, [illegible]
VIII. Religion: [illegible]

IX. Married: [illegible] [illegible]

X. Place of marriage: [illegible], Italy

XI. Date of marriage: ?

XII. Political party: Democrat

XIII. Education: None

XIV. Children: Five

1. Matthew Nibbio: My Grandfather-- Will do later

2. Frances (Nibbio) Licari
   a. Born: Marsala, Italy
   b. Education: None in Italy
   c. Date of Birth: ?
   d. Migrated to Beloit, Freeport, and Rockford
   e. Residence: Tuckerton, New York
   f. Marital status: Married
   g. Occupation: Housewife
   h. Children: None

3. Jim Nibbio
   a. Born: Marsala, Italy
   b. Date of Birth: June 20, 1927
   c. Education: Eighth grade
   d. Occupation: Artist
   e. Residence: Laurelville, Ohio
   f. Migrated to Beloit, Freeport, and Rockford
   g. Marital status: [illegible]
   h. Children: None

4. [illegible]
   a. Born: [illegible], Italy
   b. Date of Birth: ?
   c. Education: [illegible]
   d. Occupation: [illegible]-- [illegible]
   e. Residence: [illegible]
   f. Marital status: [illegible]
   g. Children: [illegible]

5. Felix Mibbio

a. Born: Detroit, Michigan

b. Date of birth:

c. Education: Eighth grade

d. Occupation: Factory worker

e. Residence: Rockford, Illinois

f. Marital status: Married

g. Children: Three Rose Ann--Eleanor--Tom

ELEANOR (MARTINEZ) MIBBIO
GREAT GRANDMOTHER
MATERNAL

Eleanor Martinez was born in Marsala, Italy. She was born in the year 1878, the month and date are unknown. She lived a simple and honest life, and was married in Italy to my grandfather Salvatore Mibbio. They had four children in Italy before migrating to the United States. She help with the business by making homemade bread. She had no schooling, and died in Rockford April 12, 1948. She also was a Roman Catholic.

I. Eleanor Martinez

II. Born: 1878

III. Died: April 12, 1948

IV. Place of birth: Marsala, Italy

V. Schooling: None

VI. Occupation: Housewife

VII. Migration: Marsala to Detroit, Michigan to Freeport, Illinois to Rockford

VIII. Religion: Roman Catholic

IX. Marriage: [illegible] in Marsala, Italy

X. [illegible]

XI. [illegible]

XII. Children: [illegible]

THE [illegible]
GREAT GRANDFATHER
NATURALIZ

Nick Decorte was born in **Sicily**, on June first 1881. Along with his wife he **m**igrated to the United States sometime in 1904. Their first home was in Bayscoula, Louisiana. From there they moved to Lufkin, Texas. They lived there until May 24, 1923 when they moved to Rockford, Illinois. He was a very simple and honest man, and had no formal education at all. He worked as a common laborer for the Illinois Central Railroad. He lived through both wars and the great depression. Of course they were poor to begin with so the depression didn't cause as many hardships, for them as others who lost more. He was a Roman Catholic and died with a Catholic burial in August 22, 1962. He was married in Sicily.

I. Nick Decorte
II. Born: June 1, 1881
III. Died: August 22, 1962
IV. **P**lace of Birth: Sicily
V. Schooling: None
VI. Occupation: Laborer- Illinois Central Railroad
VII. Migrated: Sicily to Bayscoula, Louisiana, to Lufkin Texas to Rockford Illinois
VIII. Religion: Roman Catholic
IX. Married: Martha Gagliano
X. Place of Marriage: Sicily
XI. Date of Marraige: 1902
XII. Political party: Democrat
XIII. Children: Seven

MARTHA GAGLIANO
GREAT GRANDMOTHER
NATURALI

Martha Gagliano was born in Sicily on August 4, 1880. She lived there until sometime in 1904 when she migrated to the United States along with her [illegible] husband. She also was a simple and honest person. [illegible] lifetime consisted in being a house wife. [illegible] Sicily, and had no formal

education. She died March 13, 1953.

I. Marth[illegible]
II. Born: August 4, 1880
III. Died: March 23, 1953
IV. Place of Birth: Sicily
V. Schooling: None
VI. Occupation: Housewife
VII. Migrated: Sicily to Bayagoula, Louisiana to Lufkin, Texas to Rockford, Illinois
VIII. Religion: Roman Catholic
IX. Married: Nick Decorte
X. Date of Marriage: 190[illegible]
XI. Political Party: Democrat
XII. Children: Seven

1. Athan (Decorte) Angelo
   a. Born: Sicily
   b. Education: None
   c. Date of Birth: December 3, 1904
   d. Migrated to Bayagoula, Louisiana to Lufkin Texas to Dallas, Texas
   e. Residence: Dallas, Texas
   f. Marital status: Deceased
   g. Died: August 17, 1947
   h. Occupation: Housewife
   i. Children: Seven

2. Josephine (Decorte) Nibbio--Grandmother will do later

3. Ross Decorte
   a. Born: Bayagoula, Louisiana
   b. Education: Sixth grade
   c. Date of birth: May, 1907
   d. Migrated to Lufkin Texas to Dallas Texas
   e. Residence: [illegible]
   f. Marital status: Deceased
   g. Died: [illegible], 1961
   h. [illegible]
   i. [illegible]

4. Pearl (Decorte) Manacchi
   a. Born: Bayagoula, Louisiana
   b. Date: October 1, 1910
   c. Migrated to Lufkin Texas to Dallas, Texas
   d. Residence: Dallas, Texas
   e. Marital Status: Widow
   f. Occupation: Factory worker--housewife
   g. Education: Sixth grade
   h. Children: None

5. Frances (Decorte) Dayhoff
   a. Born: Bayagoula, Louisiana
   b. Date: April 27, 1912
   c. Migrated to Lufkin, Texas to Rockford, Illinois
   d. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
   e. Marital Status: Married Harley Dayhoff
   f. Children: None
   g. Occupation: Housewife

6. Joe Decorte
   a. Born: Lufkin, Texas
   b. Date: March 10, 1923
   c. Migrated to Rockford Illinois
   d. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
   e. Marital Status: Divorced
   f. Occupation: Baker
   g. Children: None
   h. Education: Fifth grade

7. Kay(Decorte) Woodworth
   a. Born: July 9, 1925
   b. Born in Rockford, Illinois
   c. Migrated to Chicago, Illinois
   d. Residence: Chicago, Illinois
   e. Marital Status: Married Ken Woodworth
   f. Occupation: Clothing [illegible]--housewife
   g. Education: Tenth grade
   h. Children: One

MATTHEW NIBBIO
GRANDFATHER
MATERNAL

Mathew Nibbio was born in Marsala, Italy on October 6, 1900. He made one trip to the United States with his father before they migrated the whole family. In Italy he helped his father with his business. When the family came to the United States his father started up a grocery business, and he worked with his father until he married Josephine Decorte. After he was married he went to work in the machine shop at Rockford Clutch.

In his leisure time he just walked the streets or took a bus downtown. He lived a very simple life. When his wife died in 1949 he migrated to New York where he remained the remainder of his life.

I. Matthew Nibbio
II. Born: October 6, 1900
III. Died: August 20, 1963
IV. Place of Birth: Marsala, Italy
V. Education: None
VI: Occupation: Machinist
VII. Migrated from Marsala to Beloit, Wisconsin to Freeport, Illinois to Rockford, Illinois to New York, New York
VIII. Religion: Roman Catholic
IX. Marital Status: Married Josephine Decorte
X. Date of Marriage: September 26, 1926
XI. Political Party: Democrat
XII. Children: Six

JOSEPHINE (DECORTE) NIBBIO
GRANDMOTHER
MATERNAL

Josephine (Decorte) Nibbio was born in Bayou Goula, Louisiana on June 5, 1905. There she attended four years of school. Most of the children in her family didn't get much schooling because when they were old enough to do chores around the house they had to quit school. From Louisiana she moved along with her family to Lufkin, Texas and from there to Rockford where she married my

grandfather. She [illegible] to [illegible] family. Along with her duties of her [illegible] house [illegible] she worked in a factory. She died at the age of 44 while [illegible] her in [illegible]. She left six children behind, the oldest [illegible] and the youngest was thirteen.

I. Josephine (Decorte) Nibbio
II. Born: June 5, 1905
III. Died: December 14, 1949
IV. Place of Birth: Bayou Goula, Louisiana
V. Education: Fourth grade
VI. Occupation: House wife--Factory worker
VII. Migrated from Bayou Goula, Louisiana to Lufkin, Texas to Rockford, Illinois
VIII. Religion: Roman Catholic
IX. Marital Status: Married Matthew Nibbio
X. Date of Marriage: September 26, 1926
XI. Political Party: Democrat
XII. Children: Six

1. Samuel Nibbio
   a. Born: August 25, 1927
   b. Died: June 16, 1971
   c. Born in Rockford, Illinois
   d. Education: Graduated West High School Rockford
   e. Occupation: N.I. Gas
   f. Marital Status: Married Amelia Servatius
   g. Date of Marriage: September 17, 1949
   h. Children: None

2. Eleanor(Nibbio)Rotello Mother--will do later

3. Martha Nibbio
   a. Born: Rockford Illinois
   b. Date: October 26, 1930
   c. Education: Graduated West High School Rockford
   d. Occupation: Factory worker
   e. Marital Status: Single
   f. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
   g. Children: None

4. Frances Nibbio
   a. Born: Rockford, Illinois
   b. Date: July 17, 1932
   c. Education: Graduated West High School Rockford
   d. Occupation: Factory worker
   e. Marital Status: Single
   f. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
   g. Children: None

5. Nick Nibbio
   a. Born: Rockford, Illinois
   b. Date: March 3, 1935
   c. Education: Graduated West High School Rockford-- Attended Three years college at Chicago Art Institute
   d. Occupation: Artist
   e. Marital Status: Married Patricia Collins
   f. Residence: Barrington, Illinois
   g. Children: Seven

6. Vince Nibbio
   a. Born: Rockford, Illinois
   b. Date: November 18, 1936
   c. Education: Graduated West High School Rockford
   d. Occupation: Factory worker
   e. Marital Status: Married Lucille Lastriani
   f. Residence: Rockford Illinois
   g. Children: Two (expecting third)

VITO ROTELLO
GRANDFATHER
FRATERNAL

Vito Rotello was born in Sambuca on the Island of Sicily on October 9, 1880. He lived in Sicily for 17 years before coming to theUnited States. His first home was in Tickfaw, Louisiana, where he work on a plantation. He met and married my Grandmother on April 13, 1902. From Louisiana they moved to Rockford where they remained for the remainder of their lives.

In Rockford he was employed by the J. I. Case corporation. He spent his leisure time tending his garden, raising grapes for the wine he made, and just relaxing. He was a Catholic and a member of the Sacred Heart Society of St. Anthony's Church.

He retired from J. I. Case when he was 75 years old. From then until the day he died he still worked on his garden. He lived a simple life, if you call raising a family of nine simple.

I. Vito Rotello
II. Born: Sambuca on the Island of Sicily
III. Date: October 9, 1880
IV.. Died: January 7, 1959
V, Education: None
VI. Occupation: Plantation worker--Factory worker
VII. Migrated from Sambuca to Tickfaw, Louisiana to Rockford Illinois
VIII. Religion: Roman Catholic
IX. Organizations: Sacred Heart Society
X. Married Virginia Gullotta April 13, 1902
XI. Place of Marriage: Tickfaw, Louisiana
XII. Political Party: Democrat
XIII. Children; Nine

VIRGINIA (GULLOTTA) ROTELLO
GRANDMOTHER
FRATERNAL

Virginia (Gullotta) Rotello was born in Sambuca on the Island of Sicily in January 10, 1887. She lived in Sambuca for two years before her family moved to the United States. They migrated to Tickfaw, Louisiana. [illegible] plantation, and lived in

the United States for 85 years without becoming a U.S. citizen. She failed to become a citizen because she was Illiterate.

She married my grandfather on April 13, 1902 in Tickfaw, Louisiana when she was 15 years old. They moved toRockford from Louisiana in 1914. There they continued to raise their family and live the remainder of their lives.

She had fourteen children, but nine are only listed because five of them died between the age of two and birth.

I. Virginia Gullotta
II. Born: Sambuca on the Island of Sicily
III. Date: January 20, 1887
IV. Died: September 12, 1972
V. Education: None
VI. Occupation: Housewife
VII. Migrated from Sambuca to Tickfaw, Louisiana to Roskford, Illinois
VIII. Religion: Roman Catholic
IX. Organizations: Sacred Heart Society
X. Married Vito Rotello April 13, 1902
XI. Place of Marriage: Tickfaw, Louisiana
XII. Children: Nine

1. Louis Rotello
   a. Born: Tickfaw, Louisiana
   b. Date: December 3, 1904
   c. Education: None
   d. Occupation: Store owner
   e. Marital Status: Married Effie Miller
   f. Residence: Deceased January 11, 1959
   g. Children: None

2. Joe Rotello
   a. Born: Tickfaw, Louisiana
   b. Date: November 17, 1905
   c. Education: None
   e. Occupation: Worked in foundry
   f. Marital Status: Married
   g. Children: Two

3. Sam Rotello
   a. Born: Tickfaw, Louisiana
   b. Date: December 15, 1908
   c. Education: None
   d. Occupation: worked in foundry
   e. Marital Status: Widower
   f. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
   g. Children: Two

4. Salvatore Rotello
   a. Born: Tickfaw, Louisiana
   b. Date: July 27, 1912
   c. Education: Eighth grade
   d. Occupation: Factory worker
   e. Marital status: Deceased
   f. Date of Death: January 30, 1974
   g. Children: Two

5. Josephine Graciana
   a. Born: Rockford, Illinois
   b. Date: March 27, 1918
   c. Education: Tenth grade
   d. Occupation: Grocery cashier
   e. Marital Status: Widow
   f. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
   g. Children: Two

6. Mary Guagliardo
   a. Born: Rockford, Illinois
   b. Date: October 26, 1919
   c. Education: Fourth grade
   d. Occupation: Housewife
   e. Marital Status: Married Frank Guagliardo
   f. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
   g. Children: Three

7. Stella Graciana
   a. Born: Rockford, Illinois
   b. Date: [illegible]
   c. Education: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I. [illegible]

II. [illegible]

I. [illegible]

IV. [illegible]

[illegible]

V. [illegible]

VI. [illegible]

VII. [illegible]

VIII. [illegible]

IX. [illegible]

X. [illegible]

XI. [illegible]

I. [illegible]

II. [illegible]

III. [illegible]

IV. [illegible]

V. Occupation: [illegible]

VI. [illegible]

VII. [illegible]

VIII. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I. [illegible]

[illegible]

1. [illegible]

[illegible]

g. [illegible]

[illegible]

2. [illegible]

a. [illegible]

b. [illegible]

c. [illegible]

d. [illegible]

e. [illegible]

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3. [illegible]

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4. [illegible]

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D. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name JAMES E. RUSSELL SR. Current Residence Alpine Fireside Nursing Home

Date of birth 16 MAY 1895 Place of birth CHICAGO, ILL

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years);
grade school 8 high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Chicago Democratic Party Worker,

Place of Marriage to your grandmother TOLEDO OHIO date 5 APR-1927

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name RUTH O. STEVENS Current Residence _____

Date of birth 21 MAY 1906 Place of birth GALENA, MISSOURI

Date of death 17 DEC 1968 Place of burial SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational ____
college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather TOLEDO, OHIO date 5-APR-1927

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name REXFORD McNAIR Current Residence LANSING, ILL.

Date of birth 4 Aug 1905 Place of birth Willow Hill, ILL

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st ILLinois Bell Dates 1924 1st GARY, INDIANA Dates _____

2nd SAME Dates ? 2nd JOLIET ILL. Dates _____

3rd SAME Dates ? 3rd HARVEY, ILL. Dates _____

4th SAME Dates 1969 4th LANSING, ILL. Dates 1941

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican Party Member

Place of marriage to your grandmother Willow Hill Ill. date 27 DEC 1926

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st HOUSEWIFE Dates _____ 1st GARY, IND. Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd JOLIET, ILL. Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd HARVEY, ILL. Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th LANSING, ILL. Dates 1941

Religion METHODIST

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican Party Worker.

Place of marriage to your grandfather Willow Hill, Ill. Date 27 DEC 1926

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ Date_____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name JAMES E. RUSSELL JR.
Place of birth DETROIT MICH. date 11 JAN 1929
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation TECHNICIAN
Residence 1121 ROSEROSE AVE. Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 2 Death

2. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name JEAN LOUISE McNAIR
Place of birth Willow Hill ILL. date 22-JUN 1928
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation NURSE
Residence 1121 RENROSE AVE. Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 2 death

2. Name ELANOR ANN McNAIR GARY, IND.
Place of birth ~~Willow Hill, ILL.~~ date 12-OCT 1929
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation TEACHER (SUBSTITU
Residence HOMEWOOD, ILL. Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 3 death

3. Name William RENFORD McNAIR
Place of birth GARY, IND. date 29 APRIL 1935
Number of years of schooling 18 Occupation LAWYER
Residence GLENELLYN, ILL. Marital Status
Number of children 2 death DEC 1972

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

Your Father

Name JAMES Edward Russell Jr. Current Residence LOVES PARK, ILL.

Date of birth 11-JANUARY-1929 Place of birth DETROIT, Mich.

Date of Death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 2 college 2

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st X-RAY TECHNICIAN Dates 1949-57 1st DECATUR, ILL Dates 1954-57
2nd X-RAY TECHNICIAN Dates 1957-59 2nd Rockford, ILL Dates 1957-59
3rd OPERATIONS MGR. Dates 1964-71 3rd NORTH PARK, ILL. Dates 1959-69
4th PRODUCTION INSP. Dates 1971-PRESENT 4th LOVES PARK, ILL Dates 1969-NOW

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Place of marriage to your mother CHICAGO, ILL. date 18-OCTOBER-1950

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name JEAN LOUISE (McNAIR) Russell Current Residence LOVES PARK, ILL.

Date of birth 22-JUNE-1928 Place of birth Willow Hill, ILL.

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 3 college 2

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st NURSE (Clinical) Dates 1954-60 1st SAME AS ABOVE Dates
2nd NURSE (Clinical) Dates 1963-68 2nd Dates
3rd NURSE (school) Dates 1968-70 3rd Dates
4th NURSE (school) Dates 1970-NOW 4th Dates

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. LIBERAL REPUBLICAN
Job's Daughters MEMBER

Place of marriage to your father CHICAGO, ILL. date 18-OCTOBER-1950

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates ___

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates ___

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates ___

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates ___

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates ___

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates ___

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates ___

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates ___

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name GEORGE EDWARD Russell
Place of birth WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS Date of birth 22-NOVEMBER-1957
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence LOVES PARK, ILL. Marital Status DIVORCED
Number of children 1 death _____

2. Name KATHRYNE LOUISE Russell
Place of birth Rockford, ILL. Date of birth 14-DECEMBER-1958
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence LOVES PARK, ILL. Marital Status SINGLE
Number of children -0- death _____

. Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

. Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

. Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

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Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
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Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

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Date 20 April 1976

George E. Russell
Born: 22 Nov 1951
Married: 1 Jan 1972
Died:

James Edward Russell Jr.
Father
B 11 Jan 1929
M 18 Oct 1950
D

Jean Louise McNair
Mother
B 22 Jun 1928
D

James Edward Russell Sr.
Grandfather
B 16 May 1895
M 5 Apr 1927
D

Ruth O. Stevens
Grandmother
B 21 May 1906
D 17 Dec 1968

Rexford McNair
Grandfather
B 4 Aug 1905
M 27 Dec 1926
D

Mabel Louise Cohoon
Grandmother
B 26 Sept 1907
D

B 1863
M ?
D 1908

Ellen Munday
B 1859
D ?

George W. Stevens
B 31 Jul 1876
M 3 Jun 1894
D 22 Apr 1937

Louella McCracken
B 5 May 1874
D 27 Jan 1952

George E. McNair
B 13 Sept 1885
M 22 Oct 1904
D 19 Dec 1959

Sara E. Yount
B 12 Aug 1879
D 27 Jul 1957

Alexander A. Cohoon
B 26 Feb 1861
M ?
D 13 Dec 1946

Amanda F. Boyd
B 19 Jun 1865
D 21 Jun 1938

NOTES AND REFERENCES

(1) This information obtained from the records of Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island.

(2) All names and dates down to Thomas A. McNair obtained through the courtesy of Mrs. Maline Walker, 19th & Idaho Sts., Fort Falls, Idaho. Great, great, great, grandaughter of John McNair IV.

(3) This information obtained from the Archiv Suisse National Basel, Switzerland.

(4) Upon arrival to America, the immigration authorities, for convienence, dropped the name "Jundt" and rewrote it as "Yount".

(5) Information about the Yount's, from George to Levi L., was obtained from the family bible of Mrs. Everett King, 1004 Monmouth St., Independence, Oregon. Mrs. King is the grand-aughter of Jacob Yount.

(6) This information was obtained from various interviews with my grandfather, James H. Russell Sr., now residing at Alpine Fireside Nursing Home, Alpine Road, Rockford, Illinois.

(7) This information was obtained from various interviews with my grandfather, Rexford McNair, now residing at 18316 Chicago St., Lansing, Illinois.

(8) This information was obtained from an interview with my mother Jean L. Russell, on 15 March 1976, at 1121 Renrose Ave., Loves Park, Illinois, her home.

PART I
The Early Seekers

My last name is Russell, that comming from my father's side, and it is the forerunner of many other sects, clans, and families. The ones that I found to precede the Russell's are only the Steven's. My father's side cannot be located past my great grandfather, Michael Walsh Russell. There is some question to the authenticity of that name, but I will clarify that in later portions of this report.

My mother's heritage on the other hand can be traced with minimal clarity to two major families. One of these families has a record dating to seventeenth century Switzerland and Germany. This is the Yount family. The other family is the McNairs.

I have knowledge (though limited) of a third family, the Colquhouns, (pronounced Ka-Hoons) that date to thirteenth century Scotland under the McDouglass clan. McDouglass you will remember was a friend of Shakespeare's "Macbeth". Macbeth used McDouglass to gain power, that might have been an omen for future generations.

To return to the McNair's though, I have been able to trace them back to a John McNair I, whose birth, and immigration dates are unknown. He married aPenelope Rogers of Rhode Island in 1729. Penelope Rogers great grandfather Thomas Rogers I, came to America on the ship "Mayflower"

in the year 1620. This is the beginning of the McNair's of today.

As I stated before, John McNair I was born in Scotland and the date of his birth and immigration to America are unknown. He married Penelope Rogers in 1729.(1)

John McNair II was born in 1730 in Newport, Rhode Island. It is believed that he died in 1778 although there is no certain record of his death. The 1774 census of Warwick, Rhode Island showed hisfamily to be: 1 male and 1 female over 16 years of age, and 2 males and 4 females under the age 16.

John McNair III, believed to have been born in the 1750's at Newport, Rhode Island. The 1790 census of Portsmouth, Rhode Island shows his family consists of: 1 male and 6 females over 16 years of age, and 2 females uner 16 years of age. The family moved to Augusta, New York, sometime between 1790 and 1800. I learned this because the family is listed in the 1800 Augusta census: Children by his first wife; John IV, born sometime in the 1770's. Rosy, who married Aaron Eastman. Penelope, who married a "Steward", but no first name is available.

The children of his second wife were: Robert, Thomas, Charles, Arnal, Patience, Polly, Hannah, and Barsheba.

John McNair IV, was born sometime in the 1770's at Newport, Rhode Island or Warwick, Rhode Island. He died in 1835 at St. Omar, Decatur County, Indiana. He married Hannah Allen, a near relative of General Ethan Allen, of the Vermont Green

Mountain Troops. Hannah and John had the following children: Penelope and John, who both died very young. Rebecca was born in 1802 in Augusta, New York. She died in 1846 in Porter County, Indiana. She married Abner Carpenter and they had twelve children.

Sally was born in 1802 in Augusta, New York, and died in 1892 in Cascade, Michigan. She married Jonas Finley and they had eleven children.

Thomas Allen McNair(2) was born on 20 August 1811 at Augusta, New York, and died in December of 1873 at Willow Hill, Illinois. Thomas married Mary Jacobus who was born in 1815, and died sometime in the 1830's. Thomas and Mary had one child, John H. McNair, born in 1833 and died in 1910 at Willow Hill, Illinois.

Thomas Allen McNair then married Prueda Keeler in 1836. Preuda was born in 1818 and died sometime in the 1840's. Thomas and Preuda had these children: Caleb K., born in 1837 he was killed in action in 1863, serving duty for the Union Army. Jonas B., was born in 1839, he died in January 1897 at Willow Hill, Illinois. And finally Joseph C., born in June 1841 he died in March of 1868 of wounds recieved at the battle of Shiloh.

Thomas Allen McNair married a third time in October 1844 to Cynthia Brooks, Cynthia was born in Aprill of 1822, and she died in September of 1895 at Willow Hill, Illinois. At the time of their marriage, Thomas and Cynthis lived at St. Omar,

Indiana, and two of thier four children were born in St. Omar.

The children of St. Omar, were: Francis M., born in July 1845 and died in July 1932, in Martinsville, Indiana. William E., was born on August 24th 1848, and died in May 1925 at Willow Hill, Illinois.

In early 1849 the family moved to Jasper County, Illinois, near Willow Hill, Illinois. The children born there were; Thomas B., born in March of 1850 and died in February of 1931 at Willow Hill, Illinois. Mary (Mollie), born in September of 1854 and she died in November of 1927. Thomas and Mary were born at Willow Hill, Illinois.

John H. McNair, the first son of Thomas A. McNair, married a woman named Hannah, no last name or date can be found.

John and Hannah had three children: Lillian, no birth or death date was recorded. It was noted that she married a man by the last named of "Carpenter". Emma, also here there is no dates for birth or death. She married an Al Booker, but the date is unknown. They had three sons and moved to the state od Oregon in 1912.

John A., also has no dates for birth or death. He married Elizabeth Eaton, but again no date is available. They were parents of three sons and one daughter. The first son was George M., who married Sarah Yount on the 22nd of October in 1904.

Sarah is for now, the final step in the path at this point. I will now go back in time on the Yount side. Later in the report I will coordinate all the lineage together.

The Early Seekers
Part B

The next family that I will report on is the Yount family. From the information I was able to obtain, the history is quite confused and not often clear. Therefore this segment might seem brief in text, but I have eliminated all non-essential or contradictory information for the benefit of the reader.

The history of the Yount family that I am writing about stems from the Bacchiem Lords of Baden Germany in the thirteenth century. The first definite ancestor is Matthys Jundt(3) born on 6 March, 1642 and died on 22 March, 1705. Matthys married ElsbethSchwighauser, born 12 November, 1646 and died on 12 April, 1674. Matthys Jundt was the mayors of both Binnigen and Bottmingen townships, but no dates of office are available.

Matthys and Elsbeth were the parents of Johannas Jundt, born 21 November, 1669 and died on 29 July 1747. Johannas was for fourty-two years the mayor of Bottmingen. Johannas travelled from Biel-Benken, Switzerland in 1705 to accept the office. Johannas married Barbara Seiler on 26 October 1691. At that time Barbara was a widow, her deceased husband being Lienert Schreider. Barbara was born on 12 December, 1669 and she died on 14 January, 1754.

Johannas and Barbara were the parents of Hans Jundt, born in May of 1692 and died on 26 January 1750. Hans was

a juryman for the community of Biel-Benken. Hans wife was Anna Flubacher, however there are no dates of her birth, marriage, or death.

There are four children of Hans and Anna on record, Hans Adam, Matthias, Elizabeth, and Anna Magdalena. Sometime in 1752, Hans Adam and Matthias emmigrated to America. In 1756 Hans Adam and Matthias returned to Basel, Switzerland to claim their inheritance. The inheritance was over 14,785£, which was the most money ever taken out of Switzerland before 1790.

At that time Matthias and Hans stated they had gone to Virginia. The only record of these two men's presence there, is the marriage of John Yount(4) in the state of Maryland, and then moving to Bedford, Virginia. Descendants still live in that area today.

Hans Adam (Jundt) Yount was the father of George Yount. There is no listing of who or when Hans married. George Yount(5) was born sometime in the year 1757. By an affidavit at Franklin County Circuit Court, Franklin, Kentucky on 15 July 1822, George Yount applied for a pension as a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He stated that he enlisted on 13 August 1776 in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment,commanded by Lieutenant Colonel George Wilson. George Yount stated that he served until October 1779, where he was discharged at Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania, by Brigadier General Daniel Brodhead. Also, that the discharge was lost in the fall of 1781, in a skirmish with Indians in Kentucky. George Yount also stated he was a veteran of the

battles of Brandywine, Bonbrake, where he was taken prisoner, Peola, and other small skirmishes.

On 7 December, 1836, Polly Yount applied for a pension in Shelby County, Kentucky, stating that at age 72, she was the widow of George Yount, veteran of the Revolutionary War. An additional affidavit filed on 6 December, 1836 at Shelby County by Jacob Underwood, stated that he was present on 24 February 1781 when Polly Underwood married George Yount. They were married by a man named Paxton who was killed a few weeks later. He stated that Polly was George Yount's loving and devoted wife, living with him until 9 May 1824, when George Died.

A third affidavit presented on 2 February, 1837 at Shelby County, Kentucky, stated the same facts and attests to George Yount's millitary service in the War of 1776, and the Indian Wars of 1781 until 1786.

George and Polly Yount were the proud parents of twelve children. The first two were John and William. Not much is available as far as dates are concerned, but I did learn that John was born in 1781, and William in 1783. William is believed to have moved to Catlin, Illinois, but no further information is available. There descendants of a William Yount still living in Catlin, but they are uncertain of their ancestry.

Other children of George and Polly are; Jonathan, born on 9 June 1783. He lived in Shelby County, Kentucky where he had much land and many slaves. He married May Elizabeth Redmon and also served in the War of 1812. Their children were:

William, Cinderella, Mahala, Mariah T., George Waller, Jonathan, Joseph, Elizabeth, America E., Ellen, and Ambruse G. It is believed that Jonathan the elder died in Shelby County in 1861.

Benjamin was born in 1787, married Rebecca Elder and his first three children were born in Kentucky. His fourth child Rachael, was born in a fort on Silver Creek, near Vienna, Scott County, Indiana the night Ben Yount and his family fled from Indiana. His children were Isham, William, Polly, Rachael, Sarah, Lucinday, George, Jonathan, Elizabeth and James William. Benjamin also served in the War of 1812, in Scott County, Indiana and some of his descendants still live there today.

Elizabeth, daughter of George and Polly, married Jacob Cline in Shelby County Kentucky on 6 February, 1806. Nothing further is known of her.

Nathaniel, born sometime in 1791, applied for Bounty Land in Carroll County, Indiana in 1850, because of his service in the War of 1812 in Kentucky. He was apparently not on Carroll County Census and I have not been able to find anything on him at all.

Joseph, born 1793, married Sarah Redmon, sister of Elizabeth Redmon. It is thought that she is Joseph's second wife and that his first wife is unknown. Children were Jackson J., (who moved to the state of Washington), Washington S., William H., Jonathan, George, and Francis Marion. Joseph moved to Homer, Illinois (near Catlin, where William lived) and descendants still live on the original land owned by Joseph Yount.

Rachel, born in 1795 married an Aaron Cline in Shelby County, Kentucky on 13 February 1817, nothing more of her is known.

Mary, born 24 January, but no year or other information can be found.

Phebi, born on 20 December 1799, she might have been the same Phoebe who married a Levi Laingore on 21 September, 1819 in Shelby County, Kentucky. However, no father's name was given on the marriage records, only her mother's name of Elizabeth. Was Polly Underwood's correct name Mary Elizabeth? Possible.

George Yount Jr., born in 1802, married Sarah Bright on 24 February 1823, Franklin County, Kentucky. Their children were Jonathan who moved to Johnson County, Indiana, where descendants still live. James, nothing more is known of James except that he settled his father's estate in August of 1846, at Shelby County, Kentucky. Mary Yount, who married George Lake of Morman County, Indiana, and finally Elizabeth Yount, who married a Mr. Daniels in Johnson County, Indiana.

Jacob Yount, Born in 1804, he married an Elizabeth Henderson on 6 June, 1827. The location of the marriage is unknown. They moved to Morgan County, Indiana between 1832 and 1834. Their children were; George W., no further information. Mary M., no further information Martha A., Elizabeth, Phebi Emerine, Hiram T., who moved to Morgan County Indiana, and Levi L., who moved to Willow Hill, Illinois.

Jacob Yount died on 14 April, 1887, I hav found his obituary and it is most remarkable.

There is no date available, no even the name of the newspaper, but Jacob Yount's obituary reads as follows:

Death, with its ruthless hands and icy fingers has plucked from the vine of mortality all that was mortal of Jacob Yount. Deceased was born in Shelby County, Kentuckynin 1804, and was married to Elizabeth Henderson, June 6th, 1827. To them were born eight children, three sons and five daughters, of which all survive him, three only being present at the funeral. The remainder are living in distant parts of the country and were unable to reach here in time. Those present were Hiram, Mary, and Betty. The latter is the wife of Henry Teeters. The subject of this sketch moved to Morgan county, Indiana, in 1832, and settled in Green township, where he lived at the time of his death. "Uncle Jake," as he was familiarly called, was a good husband, a kind father and a devoted christian. He joined the "Old School Baptists" in 1835, living up to his discipline to the time of his death, which occured on the 14th day of April, 1887. About 10 years ago the deceased was stricken blind, but through all his lingering afflictions, he bore the same with christian courage and fortitude and was ever happy to meet his friends and hear them talk. He leaves an aged widow, whose steps are growing feeble and whose form is giving away to the winters of time. Ere long they will meet again where parting is unknown. The bereft ones should not weep. He is better off than you of I. He is done with the trials and troubles of this unfriendly world and surrounded now by a convoy

of angels, he rests tonight in the arms of his Savior and is free from pain; his voice is mingling in the sweet anthems of the angelic choir; he has thrown off the robe of mortality and put on the robe of immortality; his earthly mission has now ended and his heavenly pilgrimage has begun. O, that we may all live the life that he has lived, that when our time comes to leave our dear friends here in earth, we may be as well prepared to meet all of our loved ones in a bright home beyond the skies.".

Jacob Yount'sson Levi L., met and married a Marry M. Persinger. They were wed on 29 December 1872. I have no other information on Mary M. Persinger.

Levi and Mary's daughter was Sarah Elizabeth Yount who married George E. McNair on 22 October, 1904. George E. McNair was the dear son of John A., and Eliza J.McNair.

Now I hope the reader can see how these two families came together, I believe that George and Sarah were married in Willow Hill, Illinois, but I was not able to find conclusive proof of that.

This now ends Part I of this family history, I will go on with the more modern portent of this family history in Part II. I would hope that the reader wouldfind my essay on the following pages to be a valuable peice in correlation to the definite facts I have presented.

PART II
The New Foundation

My existence comes from the unification of the McNair's and the Russell's, but how did they get this far? I will try to explain the odyssey as best I can. Most of the information is undocumented and has been relayed to me through personnal interviews.

To start with, I will try to explain the Russell side first. My great-grandfather, Michael Walsh Russell(6) was born in Ireland in 1863, the son of a farmer. He married Ellen Munday and came to America sometime in the 1880's, where he worked for the Chicago Rapid Transit System.

He was a street car conductor until he died of a heart-attack at age 45 in 1908. For his labors he recieved fifteen dollars a week. His widow received the collection taken by her deceased husband's co-workers.

It is believed that Michael Walsh Russell, was actually named Michael Walsh. No records of a Michael Russell from County Mayo, Ireland, exist. However, the local Catholic church does have records of the Walsh family having a son named Michael leaving Ireland for America, sometime between 1880 and 1890. It must be noted also, that most fromal records of the census history of Ireland were destroyed by fire in the civil war of 1914-1916. Their corresponding information in London is quite limited and often incomplete.

Michael Walsh Russell was father to five children, Mary,

Rose-Marie, Isabell, John and James. His wife Ellen, was habitual in deserting their home. Many times the children were left at friends homes for weeks until their mother's return.

James Edward Russell, Michael's youngest son is my grandfather. James, was born on 16 May 1895, he first went to work at about age eight or nine, lighting the street lamps of Chicago every evening and turning them off every morning. His salary was a grand twenty-five cents a week. At age fourteen, one year after his father's death, James got permission to leave school in order to go to work permanently. His first job was to load barrels of beer on the delivery wagons. Later at about age 17 or 18, he started singing new songs in various bars and pubs throughout Chicago for two dollars a night. Grandfather James played baseball professionally for the Chicago White Sox in the 1916-17 and1917-18 seasons.

In 1918 he left baseball to drive a delivery truck for the Stroh's Brewery in Detroit, Michigan. At the time, the Stroh's company only brewed root beer.

With the onset of prohibition, there became a great need for qualified and competent drivers. James became affiliated with many "bootlegger's" in the Detroit area. Many times he delivered pure Canadian whisky to warehouses owned by the infamous "Purple Gang" and protected by the early "Murder Incorporated" people. His reputation of loyl workmanship preceeded him in his return to Chicago, where he was approached by both Al Capone and George "Bugs" Moran for service. During this time James' income was 250.00 and 1000.00 a week.

In 1927 James met and married my grandmother, Ruth Stevens. Ruth Stevens was born in Galena, Missouri on 21 May 1906 and she died on 17 December 1968, in Springfield, Missouri. She was one of seven children of George Stevens and Louella McCracken. Louella McCracken's father once owned land that is now downtown Springfield, Missouri. Unfortunatley, He refused to file a claim with the Claims Bureau and pay his taxes. Consequently the government reclaimed the land.

George Stevens was a farmer and always made a comfortable income. Sometimes he and his hounds would chase deer across the front yard of his home, while his wife Louella, shot the deer with a Kentucky Long rifle.

After his marriage to Ruth, Jmaes sort of settled down and went to work for the city of Chicago. Due to inner office politics, he lost that job two years later. From there he went to the Omaha meat packing company, and remained there until his retiremant in 1958.

Ruth and James had only one child, my father, James E. Russell Jr. My father was born in Detroit, Michigan on 11 January 1929, but before I go into his life I will update the McNair history.

As I mentioned in Part I, George E. McNair and Sara E. Yount were the parents of Rexford McNair(7) my maternal grandfather. Rexford was born on 4 August, 1905. He was the oldest of, two sons and helped on his father's farm when possible. From what I have learned he led a normal farm type childhood.

He surpassed his peers in that he completed High School and won a scholarship to the University of Illinois in 1923. The scholarship was for academics, although he was captain of the football, basketball, and track teams. He was also elected class president of Willow Hill School, 1923. It would seem that there being only 250 people in the town of Willow Hill, and less than twenty graduates in the class of '23 could have inhanced his potential immensely.

Refusing the scholarship, Rexford went to work for the newly formed Illinois Bell Telephone Company. He married Mabel Cohoon on 27 December 1926. He started with Illinois Bell at the bottom, as a pole-hole digger. He then moved up the line as a pole-setter,repairman, installer,foreman, serviceman and on up until becoming an engineer until retiremant in 1969. My mother, his oldest daughter was born in his home town of Willow Hill, Illinois on 22 June 1928. However, his next two children were born in Gary, Indiana(8). The reason for that is that the phone company stated during the depression, in order to keep a job, an employee must be able to relocate every six months. Consequently, my mother's family were kept on the move between early 1931 and 1941, when they finally settled in Lansing, Illinois.

Mabel, Rexford's wife, was also a native of Willow Hill Illinois. She was the youngest of eleven children on a farm. I was only able to acquire the birth and death dates of her parents. Alexander A. Cohoon was born on 26 February, 1861

and he died on 13 December 1946. Alexander's wife, Amanda F. Boyd was born on 19 June 1865 and died on 21 June 1938.

It is known that my grandmother's seven brothers had a notorious reputation for mischief and rascal activities. It is remembered that for a prank one Halloween, two of the Cohoon boys painted a lady's prize white horse a vivid green. The horse died the next day and much to my great-grandfathers anger he had to pay the woman for the damages done.

One of the other natives of Willow Hill was a cherubic looking red-headed lad who was an ardent admireer of my grandmother's. He was poor and wanted to be in show business, a profession of thieves and scoundrels. He worked in a barber shop, sweeping floors until he had enough money to buy a guitar from Sears Roebuck. He left Willow Hill one summer to seek his fortune in Ohio. It was believed then by the entire town, that it was the last they would ever hear of Mr. Burl Ives.

After Rex and Mabel settled in Lansing, my mother went on to graduate from Thorton Fractional High School, class of 1946. Tehn she was accepted at the Illinois Masonic Hospital School of Nursing. While attending nursing school she met my father who was a student of radiology. They both graduated in 1949.

My father attended DeLasalle and Tilden High schools in Chicago. He quit in 1944 to join the Navy, them acquiring his General Education Diploma in the service. After being discharged from the Navy he then attended the Illinois Masonic Hospital School of Radiology.

My mother and father were married on 18 October,1950. With the onset of the Korean Conflict my father returned to the service, only this time to the U.S. Aif Force.

He was first stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base, Witchita Falls, Texas, where I, the oldest child, was born on 22 November 1951. In mid 1952 he was transferred to Yuma Air Force Base, Yuma, Arizona. In late 1952 my father was assigned to the Air Station in Thule, Greenland, he would not return until mid 1953.

After his discharge from the Air Force in 1953, we moved to Decatur, Illinois, where my parents both worked at Decatur Macon County Hospital until 1957. In 1957 the family moved to Rockford, Illinois when my father took a job with the Winnebago County Tuberculosis Association. On 14 December, 1958 my sister Kathryne was born. On 1 January, 1959 we moved into our house in North Park, Illinois. I attended St. Bridgets, Maple, and Windsor grade schools. I then attended Franklin Junior High, and Harlem Senior High schools. My mother worked at the Rockford Clinic, and after working for Sears and Rockford Life Insurance, my father went to work as operations manager at Goodwill Industries.

In 1969 my mother changed jobs to work in the Harlem School District as a school nurse. We also moved to our present residence of 1121 Renrose Avenue, Loves Park, Illinois, that year. I graduated from High School at the end of a vivid and not often enviable scholastic career.

Two years later after working and flunking out of college, I entered the U.S. Army. I stayed in the service until 8 August, 1975. During those four years, I married Vickie Brown on 1 January, 1972 and became the father of Aimee Elizabeth Russell on 13 February, 1974. I played football for the army and transferred that talent to Rock Valley College this past year. I became divorced on 10 February, 1976 and am now residing at home with my parents.

This now ends my short saga and I hope I have enlightened everyone to the lineage of my ancestory. Three of my grandparents ares still living and my entire immediate family is alive and doing well, thank you for your indulgence throughout this report.

Author's Note

When I started to write this family history, I expected it to be much easier than what it actually was. I also expected that this chronology would be more interesting than it actually is. I suppose though, in reality, no history is totally new and unlike any others, just that many situations and results are alike in everyone's life.

There are some photographs included in this report, they are not in a special sequence or anything on that order at all. I selected them more for what they say about the times rather than what they show of the people in them. I have learned and I hpoe to show you the reader, how this report is not a statement of chronological heritage, but in essence an essay on the society or our peoples through the years.

My ancestors came from various strains of life, yet they encountered the same trials and pitfalls as others of those times. These situations were what created the nation of Americans, regardless of previous ethnic backgrounds.

SANDONA, CAROL NATALIE, 1954-

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   Date of form May 3, 1974

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   Rockford, Illinois

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   X Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   X Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   X Photographs X Maps ___ Other

II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Angelo Sandona Current Residence [illegible]
If dead, date of death November 4, 1945

Place of birth Caltrano, Vincenza, Italy Date of Birth [illegible]

Education (number of years):
grade school 0 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s) - in the U.S.

PLACE OF RESIDENCE - in U.S. (after leaving home)

1st Working in a stone quarry	Dates 1913-1916	1st 1203 Preston St.	Dates	in Rkfd. 1927-1934
2nd W.F. & John Barnes	Dates 1916-1945	2nd 1134 Selden Street	Dates	1934-1939
3rd	Dates	3rd 1118 Selden Street	Dates	1939-1942
4th	Dates	4th 1215 Green Street	Dates	1942-Present

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democratic Party, Venetian Club, St. Anthony's Church

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Rockford, Illinois date July 13, [illegible]

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Antoinette Fusinato Bonaguro Sandona Urli Current Residence Rockford, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Arzie, Belluno, Italy Date of birth October 26, 1[illegible]

Education (number of years):
grade school 0 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s) - in U.S.

PLACE OF RESIDENCE - in U.S. (after leaving home) (Rkfd.)

1st Housekeeper in Chicago	Dates 1916-	1st Same as above	Dates
2nd Mill factory in Italy	Dates 1919-1924	2nd	Dates
3rd Illinois Cabinet	Dates 1938	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democratic Party, Venetian Club, St. Anthony's Church

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Illinois DATE July 13, 19[illegible]

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side) At the time of his death, there were bitter feelings between both of them, so I didn't ask my grandmother any details about his life.

Name Joseph Urli Current Residence

If dead, date of death 1969

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother Rockford, Illinois date July 7, 1950

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____

If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)
(Frank)

Name Frances Joseph Petronis Current Residence Rockford, Illinois
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Vabalninks, Lithuania Date of birth Oct[illegible], 1[illegible]
Education (number of years):
grade school 0 high school 0 vocational 6 mos. college 0

Occupation(s)

1st	See Attached Sheet	Dates	1st	2011 Elm Street	Dates 1924-1936
2nd		Dates	2nd	701 Woodlawn Avenue	Dates 1936-Present
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates
4th		Dates	4th		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE - in Rockford, Ill
(after leaving home)

Religion Roman Catholic
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democratic Party, Founder of the Rockford Lithuanian Club, Bessemer Union
Place of marriage to your grandmother Chicago, Illinois date July 24, 1916
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Kazimera Černauskis Petronis Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death June 11, 19[illegible]

Place of birth Kaltenenc, Lithuania Date of birth May 16, 1888
Education (number of years)
grade school 0 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s)

1st	Spring factory in Chicago	Dates 1909-1916	1st	Same as above	Dates
2nd		Dates	2nd		Dates
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE - in Rockford, Ill
(after leaving home)

Religion Roman Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democratic Party, Lithuanian Club
Place of marriage to your grandfather Chicago, Illinois date July 24, 1916
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Pranas (Frank) Joseph Petronis - Occupations in U.S.

1. Foundry in Waukegan - 1907
2. United States Steel, Waukegan - 1908
3. Cherry, Illinois mine - 1909
4. Ladd, Illinois mine - 1910
5. Free Sewing Machine Co., Rockford - 1910
6. Empire Furniture Factory, Rockford - 1911
7. Central Furniture Factory, Rockford - 1912
8. Skandia Furniture Factory, Rockford - 1913
9. Factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa - 1914
10. Barber College - 1915
11. Factory in Chicago - 1916
12. Barbering in Rockford - 1916-1969

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Doreen Bonaguro Piccirilli Haeggquist
Place of birth Italy date December 28, 1919
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Waitress
Residence 1422 - 5th Avenue Marital Status Married
Number of children 6 - her eldest daughter by her first marriage died in April, 1974, so now there are 5 living.

2. Name Benedict Valentine Sandone
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date July 20, 1928
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Real Estate Salesman
Residence 3019 North Church Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Edward Petronis
Place of birth [illegible] date April 1, 1917
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation [illegible]
Residence Rkfd., Ill. Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children 2

2. Name Robert Frank Petronis
Place of birth [illegible] date April 8, 1922
Number of years of schooling 11 1/2 Occupation [illegible] 7/28/70
Residence — Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

3. Name [illegible]
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date May 31, 1922
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Sales clerk
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Benedict Valentine Sandona Current Residence [illegible], Illinois
If dead, date of death _____ _____

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth July [illegible], 19[illegible]
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	Walgreen's Drug Store	Dates 1943-2 Mos.	1st	1120 Morgan Street	Dates 19[illegible]-19[illegible]
2nd	National Tea Food Store	Dates 1943-1946	2nd	1125 Selden Street	Dates 1955
3rd	Barber-Colman Co.	Dates 1946-1974	3rd	3019 North Church St.	Dates 1956-Present
4th	Jos. Barbagallo Realtors	Dates March, 1974	4th		Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democratic party, V.F.W., Venetian Club, St. Bernadette's Church, Lithuanian Club
Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, Illinois date Nov. [illegible], 1952
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Genevieve Kazimera Petronis Sandona Current Residence Rockford, Illinois
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth May 31, 19[illegible]
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 0 college 4

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) after marriage	
1st	See attached sheet	Dates	1st	Same as above.	Dates
2nd		Dates	2nd		Dates
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates

Religion Roman Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democratic party, Mendelssohn Club, St. Bernadette's Church
Place of marriage to your father Rockford, Illinois date Nov. 29, 1952
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

Genevieve Kazimera Petronis Sandona - Occupations

1. Kress Dime and Variety Store - 1943
2. Broadway Laundry
3. Stocking factory
4. Block & Kuhl's
5. H.D. Hudson Mfg. Co.
6. Accompanist at a dance studio
7. Rockford Life Insurance Company - 1952-1954
8. Substitute teacher for Rkfd. School District - 1971-1973
9. Volunteer tutor at St. Mary's School - 1972-1974
10. Accompanist at a dance studio - 1972-1974
11. Rockford Office Supply Co. - 1974

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Carol Natalie Sandine
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation [illegible]
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children

Name Janet Bernice Sandine
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth February [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

III. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Carol N. Sandine

Date May 6, 1974

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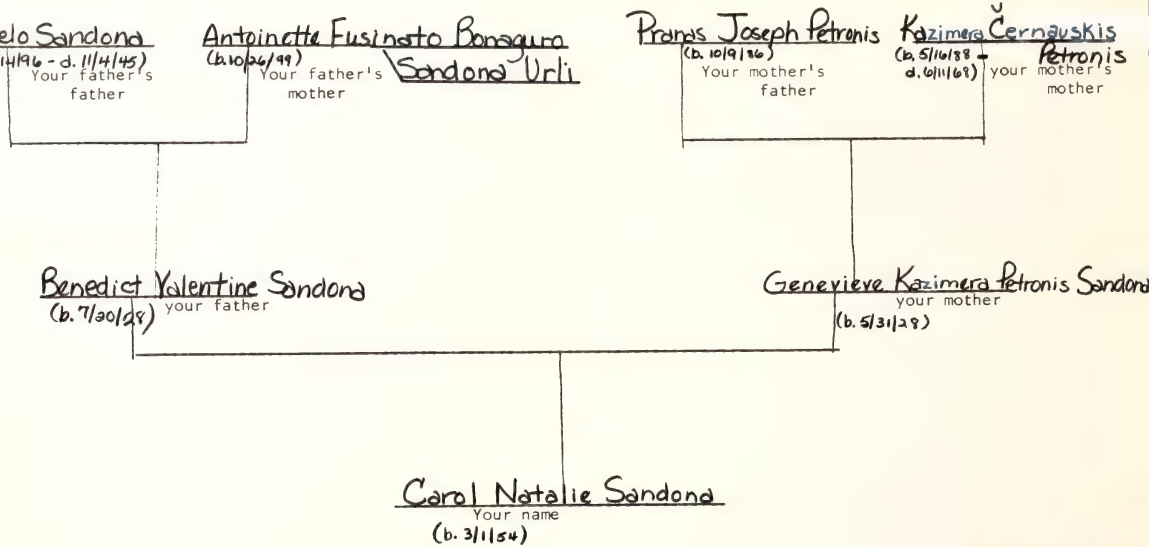
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



PREFACE

For my mother's side of the family, I interviewed my maternal grandfather, Mr. Frank Petronis. Since he has no living relatives in Rockford or for that matter, anywhere else that I know of, the information I have about him was obtained from him and my mother. I did go to the Winnebago Court House to look up my grandparents original request to become citizens, and found out the exact dates of when they were born, when they came to this country, etc. Regarding my grandfather's arrest in 1918, I went down to the police station, but they don't keep records back that far. I also went to the Court House to see if I could find the exact date when he had his trial, but they couldn't find anything. Regarding his Russian Army paper, I asked Mr. Kearney if he knew anyone who spoke Russian, and he gave me the name of Mrs. Olga Menyhert. I got in touch with her and I brought the paper over to her house and she translated it for me.

Since my maternal grandmother is dead, the information I have about her is from my grandfather and my mother. All of her brothers and her sister are dead, so that's why I don't have very much information about her.

For my father's side, I interviewed my paternal grandmother, Mrs. Antoinette Urli, and also her sister, Mrs. Sue Fassino Since my paternal grandfather is dead, I had to rely on my grandmother and my father for the information I have about him.

I sent to the Immigration and Naturalization office in Chicago for anything that they might have about all of my grandparents. I sent the request (plus $12) in March and I attached a note saying that I needed it by the last week of April. I still haven't received it.

Also, I went to the Rockford Public Library to see if either side of the family had a coat of arms, but I found nothing.

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER

My maternal grandfather, Pranas Joseph Petronis (his first name was officially changed to Frank when he became a citizen in 1929) was born on October 9, 1886 in Valbalninkas, Lithuania, a small village about 90 miles north of the capital city of Vilnius. He was the eldest child of Joseph and Valeria Petronis. He also had three brothers and one sister. His mother died when he was nine years old and his father later remarried.

He was born in a one room farmhouse. The acreage of the farm was about seventy-five acres. Since they owned land and also had four horses, and since land and horses were the basis of wealth, they were considered to be a middle-class farming family. Rye, wheat, and vegetables were grown on the farm and the whole family worked on the farm from sunrise to sunset. Everything was done by hand. The children started working on the farm when they were about seven or eight years old.

The house was a cabin made of logs and clay. The roof was made of straw. There was no electricity. Pieces of birch were stuck between the logs and burned for lighting. The room contained a stove where all of the cooking was done. Their diet consisted mainly of potatoes, cabbage, and meat. Since they were Roman Catholics, no meat was eaten on Wednesdays

and on Fridays. Also, the grandparents lived with the family.

The village had about fifteen farms. The farmers appointed someone to be the head man and he ran the village. The Church, though, played a major role in their lives. All of the vital records were kept by the Church. When the children went to school (which was only during the winter months when they weren't needed on the farms), the schools were run by the Church and the children were taught to read the Bible. Every fall, the Church made its collection. Instead of giving money, the farmers gave them part of their harvest. My grandfather seems to feel that at that time, the Church seemed to instill fear and anxiety in the people in order to get them to conform. When someone was sick or near death, it was more important to get the priest than it was to get the doctor.

Since the village was so religiously orientated, the holy days of the Catholic Church were strictly observed. No one worked on Sunday. On the major holy days (Easter, Christmas, etc.), all were celebrated for three days. Funerals lasted three days. The body was kept in the house in a wooden, handmade casket for two days. On the third day, the religious ceremony was held at the church and at the cemetery. Weddings last four days and the whole village got involved. The bride's family gave a dowry to the groom which usually consisted of money, food, or livestock.

When my grandfather was about twenty-one years old, he decided to come to the United States. The main reason he left was that he realized that someday when his father died, the property would be divided between the boys in the family. Since he already had three brothers, and since his father remarried there were other brothers, he realized that he wouldn't get much land. Also, he had been drafted into the Russian Army (up until 1918, Lithuania was part of Russia), and since he was Lithuanian, he didn't want to serve in the Russian Army. His plan was to come to the United States, get rich fast, and then go back to Lithuania, buy land, and become a farmer. Near the end of September, 1907, he left with his cousin from the port of Liepāja, Latvia, on a Russian ship named the Smolensk. The trip took about 18 days and my grandfathers recalls that he was sick for the full journey. The trip cost about $65. They arrived at New York City on October 18, 1907. My grandfather had a cousin living in Waukegan, Illinois, so he boarded the train for Chicago, and took a taxi to his cousin's house in Waukegan. Soon after he arrived, he got a job working in a foundry. The job paid $.12 an hour and he worked ten hours a day.

Next, he got a job at United States Steel loading steel on freight cars. He stayed there a few months and then in 1909, he moved to Cherry, Illinois and worked in a coal mine. He didn't actually work in the mine; he worked on top. On November 13, 1909, a fire started in the mine. When they

sealed the mine six days later in order to stop the fire, 259 men were left dead inside of the mine, including my grandfather's cousin. Since the mine was no longer in operation, he moved to Ladd, Illinois to work in a coal mine. There, he worked inside of the mine, but didn't like it, so he moved to Rockford because he knew people here and got a job in a foundry (Free Sewing Machine Co.) working as a molder and stayed there for one year. Next, he worked for a year at the Empire Furniture Factory in Rockford. Next he went to the Central Furniture Factory in Rockford. The factory was owned by Swedes and all of the workers were Swedish. When my grandfather applied for the job, the boss started talking to him in Swedish. Naturally, my grandfather didn't understand him. The boss asked him what nationality he was and my grandfather told him Lithuania. The boss had never heard of Lithuania, and my grandfather explained that it was near Sweden and at one time in history, Sweden had conquered Lithuania. With that, my grandfather got the job. He stayed about one year. Next he went to Skandia Furniture Factory, but was soon laid off. He headed for Cedar Rapids, Iowa in early 1914. Soon, he planned to go back to Lithuania, but then World War I started. At Cedar Rapids, he worked in a factory doing mill work. He was laid off in November, 1914, and then headed to Chicago.

In Chicago, he decided to go to barber college. The course was six months long and cost $25. After six months, he didn't think he was very good, so he went back to work in a factory for a year, even though he had graduated from the barber school. He just didn't think he was good enough at cutting hair.

During this time, he met my grandmother, Kazimera Černauskis, also a Lithuanian immigrant. They met in 1915. They both happened to be rooming in the same boarding house. They were married in Chicago on July 17, 1916, in a civil ceremony.

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

My maternal grandmother, Kazimera Černauskis, was born on May 16, 1888 in Kaltenanai, Lithuania, a small town about 125 miles northwest of the capital city of Vilnius. She was the third of six children; she had four brothers and one sister.

Her father was a magistrate in the town. The town in which they lived included numerous ethnic groups besides Lithuanians: Russian, Jews, Poles, etc. For hundred of years, Lithuania has been fought over by Swedes, Russians, and Germans, so that explains the existence of numerous ethnic minorities. Since they lived among different nationalities, my grandmother was able to speak a little Russian and a little Polish.

My grandmother received no schooling because at that time, girls were discouraged from going to school. I couldn't find out anything else about her childhood, except that my mother remembers her telling her that when she was a child, if they were extra good, their father would bring home bagles, which was considered to be a treat like candy or cookies. The bagles cost one kopek (1¢).

Her brothers first came to the United States and later sent her the money to come. Their main reason for coming here was for a better life. She came by herself, leaving from

Rotterdam on the SS Noordam and arrived at New York City on October 4, 1909.

Her brothers were living in Chicago, so that was her destination. Her first job in Chicago was in a spring factory making springs for beds. The job paid between $.10 to $.15 an hour.

In 1915, she met my grandfather, Pranas Joseph Petronis. They happened to be boarding in the same boarding house, and on July 17, 1916, they were married.

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MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS

Pranas Joseph Petronis and Kazimera Černauskis were married July 17, 1916 in Chicago, Illinois. Soon, they moved to Rockford where my grandfather opened a barber shop. The barber shop was at 1410 South Main, and my grandparents lived in an apartment above the barber shop. The rent for the apartment was $8 a month, and the rent for the barber shop was $10 a month. On April 19, 1917 their first child, Edward, was born.

During this time, my grandfather began to become interested in politics. I guess it all started when he was working at the Cherry Mine. A friend of his was a socialist and my grandfather was very interested in what he had to say. While in Rockford, he started to attend socialist meetings. During World War I, he participated in anti-war parades. He felt that wars were fought only to benefit the rich. In 1918, one of the meetings was raided and my grandfather was arrested. He was probably arrested under the Espionage and Sedition acts because he had a trial and was almost deported. He received three years probation.

During the 20's, he continued working in his barber shop. He worked ten to twelve hour days and charged $.25 for a haircut

and a shave. He also began to buy real estate. In 1924, they moved out of the barber shop apartment, and the barber shop, and moved to 2011 Elm Street. The barber shop was now located at 1357 Fourth Avenue. Before they moved a second son, Robert Frank, was born on April 29, 1922.

His first car was purchased in the 1920's for a few hundred dollars. He didn't know how to drive, but the salesman took him out for a ride and taught him.

My grandmother kept busy with the children, and she also had a garden and did a lot of canning. She also made sauerkraut and since it was Prohibition, they also made beer on the side. Also, on October 9, 1929, my grandfather became a naturalized citizen and had his name officially changed to Frank.

On May 31, 1928, my mother, Genevieve Kazimera, was born. Things seemed to be going along pretty well and then in October of 1929, the Depression hit. At the time, I don't think that my grandparents realized that it would last as long as it did.

During the course of the Depression, my grandfather lost all of his real estate: seven houses. All were foreclosed. His income at the barber shop dropped to about $7 to $8 a week.

During the Depression, the family never went on relief, but most things were in short supply. Food items such as coffee, sugar, etc., were in short supply, and when you could buy them, they were expensive. My grandparents bought their first refrigerator during the Depression. It cost $200 and

they had to wait six months to get it. They really made things to last in those days, because my grandfather kept that refrigerator until 1973: some 27 years of service. Before that, the ice man would could around about three times a week. You'd put a sign in your window that said 25, 50, 75, or 100 to indicate how many pounds of ice you wanted. Also, while my grandfather had his Fourth Avenue barber shop, he ran an ice business next door in order to earn a little money on the side.

But not everyone had it this way during the Depression. My mother remembers men who would come up to the house to ask for something to eat. These men would hop freights from town to town looking for work.

For entertainment, they used to visit alot or listen to the radio. The big radio shows at that time were Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Jack Armstrong, and I Love A Mystery. My mother and my grandmother used to go to the show quite a bit. On a certain night during the week, you could get in at the Rialto Theatre for $.15 and receive a dish. My grandmother received a whole set of dishes this way.

My grandfather used to go to the Lithuanian Club for his entertainment. He was one of the original founders and was its first treasurer.

In 1936, my grandparents again moved to a different house and a different barber shop. He bought a two story flat house at 701 Woodlawn Avenue for $5,000, and moved his

barber shop to 806 Kishwaukee Street. In 1938, my grandfather received news of his father's death. Since my grandfather had come to this country, he had kept in contact with his brothers and sister and in the late 30's, he was going to send them money so they could come here, but then World War II broke out. After his father's death, they never continued their correspondence. All of his brothers and his sister are dead now.

World War II broke out and again, things were rationed, and in short supply. Such food items as meat, coffee and sugar were hard to get. People were encouraged to save their waste paper, tin cans, and even cooking grease.

Robert Petronis was drafted during the war and served in the Pacific.

In 1945, my grandmother had a stroke and she had to stay in the hospital for three months. When she came home, she was slightly paralyzed and had to walk with a cane. During the 50's, she continued to have small strokes and eventually was confined to a wheelchair. On November 29, 1952, my mother was married to Ben Sandona. On March 1, 1954, I was born and three years later, on February 5, 1957, my sister, Janet Bernice was born.

In 1960, my grandmother entered River Bluff Nursing Home, where she remained until her death on June 11, 1968. July 28, 1970 was the date of my Uncle Robert Petronis' death.

In 1969, my grandfather retired after over 50 years of barbering.

Today, he spends his time gardening, fishing, going to rummage and auction sales, and going to the Lithuanian Club. He also spends his time visiting his friends, although very few are left. He has never been back to Lithuania, but he still hopes to go someday.

TO BE GIVEN TO
THE PERSON NATURALIZED

No. 3191620

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR — NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Petition No. 5655

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Age 42 years; sex male; color white; complexion dark; color of eyes blue; color of hair d. brown; height 5 feet 5 inches; weight 150 pounds; visible distinctive marks none; Marital status married; race Lithuanian; former nationality Lithuanian.

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

ORIGINAL

Frank Joseph Petronis

(Complete and true signature of holder)

Seal

State of Illinois
Winnebago County } ss.

Be it known, that Frank Joseph Petronis, then residing at 2011 Elm Street; Rockford, Illinois, having petitioned to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and at a term of the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, held pursuant to law at Rockford, Illinois on October 9, 1929, the court having found that the petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, had in all respects complied with the Naturalization Laws of the United States in such case applicable, and was entitled to be so admitted, the court thereupon ordered that the petitioner be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof, the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-nine and of our Independence the one hundred and fifty-fourth.

Lewis F. Lake
Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By _____ Deputy Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

ORIGINAL
TO BE GIVEN TO
THE PERSON NATURALIZED

No. 5635270

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

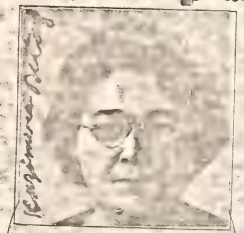
Petition No. 9514

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization—Age 54 years; sex female; color white; complexion fair; color of eyes brown; color of hair brown; height 5 feet 4 inches; weight 160 pounds; visible distinctive marks none; Marital status married; former nationality Lithuanian.

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

Sign here

Kazimera Petronis
(Complete and true signature of holder)



Kazimera Petronis

Seal

State of Illinois
Winnebago County } ss:

Be it known, that at a term of the Circuit Court of Winnebago County held pursuant to law at Rockford, Illinois, on November 5, 1942, the Court having found that Kazimera Petronis then residing at 701 Woodlawn Avenue, Rockford, Illinois intends to reside permanently in the United States (when so required by the Naturalization Laws of the United States), had in all other respects complied with the applicable provisions of such naturalization laws, and was entitled to be admitted to citizenship, the court ordered that such person be and she was admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-two and of our Independence the one hundred and sixty-seventh.

Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By — Deputy Clerk.

It is a violation of the U. S. Code (and punishable as such) to copy, print, photograph, or otherwise illegally use this certificate.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Copy of my grandfather's notification of his being drafted into the Russian Army. It isn't actually the draft papers; it is notice that my grandfather has reported to the draft office.

Ketvirtadienis, spalio 2, 1941

Rockfordo Žinios

Pagerbē F. J. Petronius

Rugsējo 20 d. įvyko graži puota paminējimui 25 metų sukakties ženybinio gyvenimo F. J. ir K. Petronių. Svečių atsilankē du šimtai; buvo giminių ir pažystamų iš Chicagos.

Vakarieniaujant pirmininkas K. J. Barzdukas pakvietē keletą svečių išreikšti mintis. Pirmiausia kalbējo A. B. Petronis, kuris dabar gyvena Chicagoj, o pirmiaus gyveno Rockforde. Jis nurodē, kaip kartu su F. J. Petroniu veikē darbininkiškoj dirvoj. Kiti svečiai išreiškē geriausių linkējimų jubilejatams, o ant pabaigos pakviesta patys "kaltininkai" Petroniai, kurie pasakē apie svarbą šios puotos ir kad jie nesitikējo, jog draugai ir draugēs darys tokį paminējimą.

F. J. ir K. Petroniai yra gerai pažystami daugeliui čionykščių lietuvių. Šeimynos jiedu turi du sunus, kurie jau dirba ir vieną dukterį, kuri lanmo mokyklą. Pavyzdinga šeimyna.

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An article from Vilnius, a Lithuanian paper describing the celebration of my grandparents 25th wedding anniversary.

P.M.G.O. Form No. 68.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

To whom it may concern, Greetings:

THESE PRESENTS ATTEST, That in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, and in compliance with law,

Frank (First name) Joseph (Middle name) Petronis (Last name)

1410 (No.) So Main (Street or R. F. D. No.) Rockford (City or town.) Winn (County.) Ill (State.)

has submitted himself to registration and has by me been duly registered this 12 day of September, 1918, under the supervision of the Local Board designated on the back hereof.

Charles C. Monks, Registrar.

3—6172

(Place stamp of Local Board on back of this card.)

A copy of my grandfather's Alien Registration card (1918).

Kazimera C. Patronis

Mrs. Kazimera C. Patronis, 78, 701 Woodlawn Ave., died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in River Bluff Nursing Home after a long illness.

Survivors include her husband, Frank; two sons, Edward and Robert and a daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Santone, all of Rockford.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Julian Poorman Funeral Home, 304 N. 5th St., with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

[illegible] C. Patronis, 78, 701 Woodlawn Ave., died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 1968, in River Bluff

Nursing Home after a long illness. Born May 16, 1890, in Lithuania. Lived 52 years in Rockford, coming here from Chicago. Married to Frank Petronis in Chicago July 4, 1916. Member of the Lithuanian Club, and of the Lithuanian Women's Club. Survivors include: her husband, Frank; two sons, Edward and Robert, both of Rockford; a daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Santone, Rockford; and two granddaughters.

Services at 10 a.m. Friday in JULIAN POORMAN FUNERAL HOME, 304 N. 5th St. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday.

My grandmother's obituary notices.

9514

PAUL N. WILSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Winnebago County
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Kazimera Petronis
701 Woodlawn Ave.
City

You are hereby notified to appear in Circuit Court at nine o'clock a. m. Thursday, November 5, 1942, *when your petition for final Naturalization Papers will be heard by the Court.* Bring your alien registration card with you.

~~Bring your witnesses with you when the petition~~

PAUL N. WILSON,
Clerk of the Circuit Court

My grandmother's notification of her hearing for her final Naturalization Papers.

OFFICE OF
PAUL N. WILSON
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

No. 9514 Rockford, Ill., Dec. 12, 1941

Received of Kazimera Petronis
the sum of ($5.00) Five Dollars, fee for filing Petition and final order in Naturalization matter.

Final hearing set for APRIL, 1942 at nine o'clock A. M.

PAUL N. WILSON, Clerk Circuit Court
By Elizabeth M. Stringer
Deputy

My grandmother's receipt for her Naturalization Papers. Today, Naturalization Papers cost $25.00.

Both my grandparents belonged to
ithuanian Chorus in Rockford. My
ndfather is in the last row, far
ht, and my grandmother is in the
d row, far right (see check marks).
concert was for March 3, 1935.

DIDELIS KONCERTAS

SU BROOKLYNO DAININININKU

FRANU STANKŪNU

Columbus Hall 320 Kent St. Rockford

Šale Stankūno, programoj dalyvauja

BERNICE MALELA

Pasižymėjusioji dainininkė iš Waukegan

LYROS CHORAS

vedamas J. M. Bacevičiaus ir pianistės Poškutės

AMBROSE CHERICHETTI

Garsusis Tenoras Solistas

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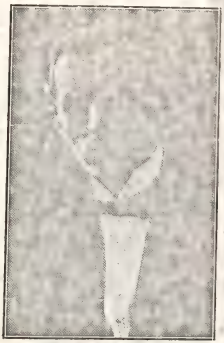

FRANAS STANKŪNAS
Važinėjęs per kelis metus po amerikonų teatrus ir dabar tankiai dalyvaujantis amerikonų koncertuose ir radio programose.

RENGIA LDD 17-TOJI KUOPA

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Po Koncerto Šokiai

Atdara nuo 1:30 p. p.; Programa nuo 2
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Šokiam BOB MASON'S Orchestra

Programoj taipgi dalyvaus

J. M. BACEVIČIUS

Visuomet publikos mylimas Tenoras

P. VAISNORIŪTĖ

Šoks žavėjančius klasikinius šokius

GUST OBERG

Gabus pianistas

ROCKFORDO LYROS CHORAS

ROCKFORD MORNING STAR

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1968

1909 Cherry Mine Disaster, Rescue Afterward Recalled by Barber Here

By TIM KENT
Morning Star Staff Writer

Nov. 13, 1909, Frank Petronis, 701 Woodlawn Ave., was dumping coal in the Cherry Mine, southwest of Mendota—six days later, a half dozen of his friends crawled, near death, from the bowels of the mine, leaving 259 others dead inside.

"I guess I'm the only survivor left in Rockford," said Petronis, an 82-year-old Rockford barber who witnessed the Cherry Mine Tragedy of 1909. "I knew every man that lost his life in that fire," he said.

Petronis sat in his living room Saturday with the paper laying on the floor turned to accounts of last week's West Virginia mine tragedy. The tragedy led him to recall 1909.

COUSIN KILLED

He had been in the United States little more than a year that November in 1909. He was 22 years old and living with two cousins when the Cherry tragedy occurred. One cousin was killed.

"That was a lot different than the West Virginia mine explosions," said Petronis. "I'd better start with the beginning of the fire."

"At about 2 p.m., Petronis began, "the man that took care of the mules went down to the barn like he did every day. The mules—probably 50 or 60 of them—were kept in a block-long barn about 200 feet underground. This was before the government inspected mines.

"He found a fire in the barn where there was a lot of hay and feed. He ran to report the fire—there were no alarms in the mine. You had to run and tell people the place was burning.

"I was up on top. I could see everybody hurrying out. They tried to get a rubber hose into the mine to shoot water on the fire, but they couldn't get it to work and the fire spread.

"In less than an hour, the fire had spread to the cage. Then everything stopped. Businessmen from town, everybody was there trying to get people out of the mine.

"I tried to get on a 10-man cage to go down and help, but the cage was full. I stepped on the cage but was sent off. The cage went down into the mine. They never came up.

"They had a system for sending the cages down and bringing them up. One bell for down, two bells for up. The man at the bottom was ringing the bell all the time so that it made no sense and the cage would go up a little, then down, then up and they all burned up.

"I'D BE DEAD"

"Ten people were on that cage. If I had been there, I'd be dead right now.

"Inside the mine, men close to the cage ran into the mine to warn the rest and they were trapped along with them. They weren't injured. They died from the smoke.

"We had to seal the mine to stop the fire. We put planks and sand over the opening. It took six days to finish sealing the mine.

"When we took up the planks and sand, the rescue men went into the mine. They tapped on the rail tracks. Someone in the mine tapped back. After six days, someone tapped back!

"They were in the vein about 200 feet down and three blocks into the mine—six of them. We worked to get to them and we pulled them out. One died as soon as he got out of the mine.

"Two of the rescued men were brothers. They told me they went six days without water. 'We got the water off of the coal—it sweats.'

"They told me they had constructed a fan using the equipment in the tunnel and could get enough circulation to breath.

"When we got to the lower level, 300 feet down, we found other bodies. We knew by their watches and things that they had been alive for five days before finally dying."

The aging Petronis stopped after telling about the people who had almost survived. "Nobody had thought anybody could be alive," he finished.

Frank Petronis saw tragedy
. . . "Someone in mine tapped back"

After the West Virginia Mine Tragedy in 1968, the Rockford Newspaper interviewed my grandfather and asked him to recall what the Cherry Mine Disaster of 1909 was like.

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER

My paternal grandfather, Angelo Sandona, was born on August 14, 1896, in Caltrano, Vicenza, Italy, a village about 40 miles west of Venice. He was the eldest child of eight children of Giovanni and Maria Sandona.

His father worked in the mountains making charcoal. The house was simple. There was no indoor plumbing and the water was obtained from a fountain outside.

Since he was the eldest of eight children, he was no future staying in Italy, so he decided to come to the United States. He left with his friend, Joseph Bartoli, from Genoa, Italy aboard the SS Europa and arrived in New York City on April 23, 1913. Both came to Rockford's south side where my grandfather had an uncle living.

His first job in Rockford was at the stone quarry located across the street today from the Smith Oil Corporation on Kilburn Avenue. He remained there until 1916 when he quit and was hired by W.F. and John Barnes Company as a machinist.

In 1921, his brother Mario immigrated to the United States. His brother settled in Chicago, so during the 20's, he made frequent trips to Chicago. On one of these

trips, he met my grandmother, Antoinette Fusinato Bonaguro and on July 23, 1927, they were married in Rockford.

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

My paternal grandmother, Antoinette Fusinato, was born on October 26, 1899 in Arsie, Belluno, Italy, a town about 45 miles northwest of Venice. She was the eldest child of Valentine and Margarette Fusinato.

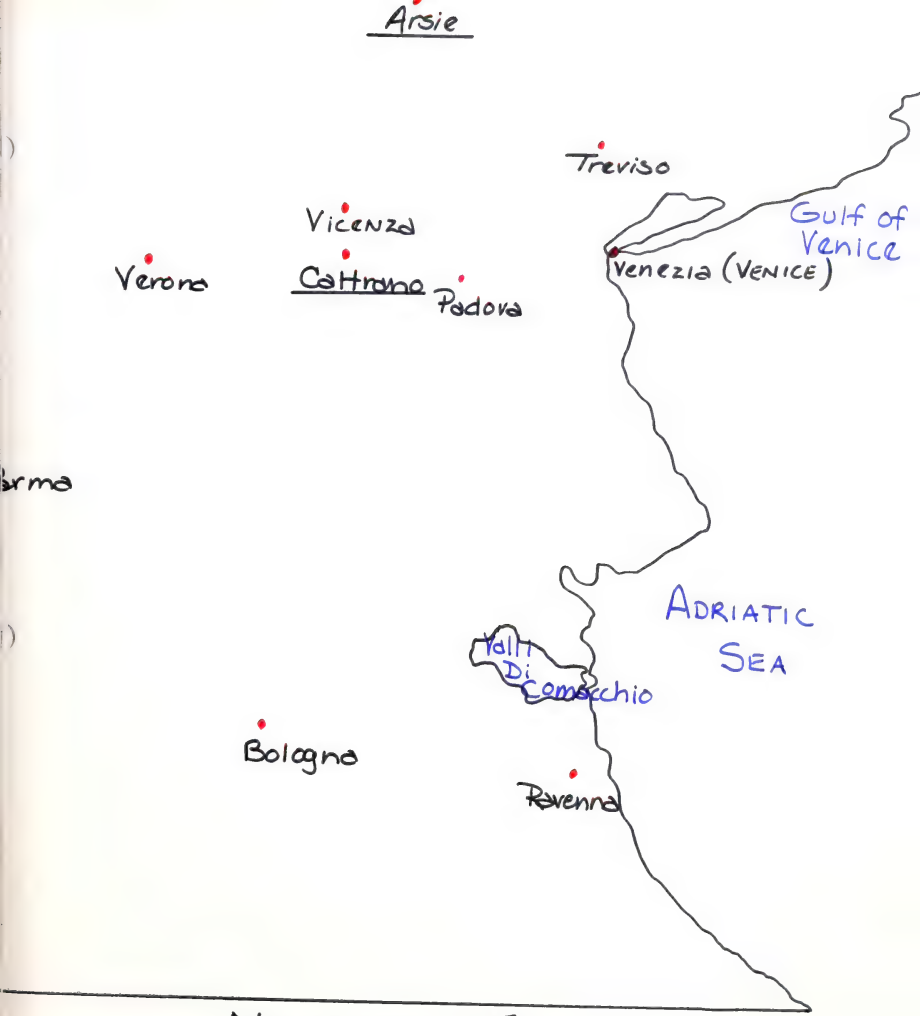
Her father was a coal miner. He came to the United States in the early 1900's, then went back to Italy, and then brought the whole family to the United States in 1911. They settled in Marquette, Illinois for about two and a half years. Then they moved to Spring Valley, Illinois and lived there for three years and then after that, they settled in Peru, Illinois. There, her father worked as a coal miner and common laborer. Her mother was a housewife and took care of the children. While in Peru, they bought a thirteen room house and rented out half of it.

All of the children went to school except my grandmother. She had not desire to go, and since there were no laws which forced someone to go to school, she didn't go. (In remembering back, my grandmother wishes that she would have gone to school.)

In 1916, she left Spring Valley for Chicago. There, she lived with a family, received room and board, and in return, she did housework and took care of the children.

In 1918, she was married to a man by the name of Bonaguro. It was an unfortunate marriage because he later deserted my grandmother. Anyway, my grandmother left for Italy in 1919 and her husband told her that he would soon follow her. My grandmother was living with in in-laws and on December 28, 1919, my aunt, Doreen, was born. At the time, my grandmother was working in a mill factory. Times were bad in Italy. Many times she can remember having to beg for food. On January 19, 1925, she arrived back in the United States, divorced her husband, and returned to her family in Peru, Illinois. While she was in Italy, her mother had died.

In 1927, she went back to Chicago, and there she met my grandfather, Angelo Sandona, and they were married in Rockford on July 23, 1927.



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1" = approximately 16 miles

PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS

Angelo Sandona and Antoinette Fusinato Bonaguro were married July 23, 1927 in Rockford. They rented a house at 1203 Preston Street. On July 20, 1928 my father, Ben, was born.

In 1929, the Depression hit. My grandparents soon had to go on relief after their had used up all of their savings. My grandfather still had his job, but he was laid off from time to time. They were very ashamed to have to accept relief. In fact, my grandfather made my grandmother go to the relief office because he was too proud. My grandmother remembers the relief food as being just terrible. Many times she would just throw the food out because it was so bad. Every so often, a relief worker would come to the house to see if you were working or to see if you needed something. If you needed something, like a pair of shoes, they gave you a slip of paper and you went down to the shoestore and bought a pair of shoes.

In 1934, they moved to Selden Street where they also rented. My father remembers the house as being very cold, since there were no storm windows. You had to heat the water if you wanted hot water. By today's standards, the house probably would have been condemned.

In 1939, they moved to 1118 Selden Street, where they also rented. This house was better than the one at 1134 Selden Street. At least it had running hot water. The rent was $12 a month. During this time, my grandmother had gotten a job at Illinois Cabinet on Eleventh Street, but she hated the job and only stayed a few weeks.

Even though it was the Depression, they did find ways to entertain themselves. In 1938, they bought a good radio. My father especially liked to listen to the radio. They also visited quite a bit and spent a lot of time at the Venetian Club. My grandfather was president of the club at one time. Practically all of their friends were Italian. It wasn't that they were clannish; they were just afraid to venture out of their area of town because they couldn't speak English that well. My grandfather also enjoyed growing a garden.

In 1939, the first refrigerator was purchased. They never did buy a car.

Also, a big thing to do for entertainment was to go to downtown Rockford to the show. It only cost $.25 or $.35 to get in. Downtown Rockford was really the place to go at night.

In 1941, my grandmother's father was killed by an automobile while crossing the street in Peru, Illinois. Also by this time, my aunt had gotten married and had two children, but the marriage soon ended in divorce.

They moved again in 1942, but this time they bought a house at 1215 Green Street for $2,500.

During the war, things were rationed, but at least work was picking up. My grandfather was a machinist at Barnes and before he died, he was earning $1.00 a hour.

My grandfather had been told by doctors that he had diabetes and was told to stay away from wine, butter, etc., but he ignored them. As a result, he got sick in October, 1945, entered the hospital and died November 4, 1945. It's sort of a coincidence, but at the same time, and directly across the hall in the hospital, my maternal grandmother, Kazimera Petronis, was in the hospital recovering from her recent stroke.

My father graduated in 1946 and soon went to work at Barber Colman. He was drafted into the army on December 4, 1950 and later served in Korea until September 4, 1952 as a tank commander.

On July 7, 1950, my grandmother married Joseph Urli. At the time, he was employed by Gunite Foundries.

On November 29, 1952, my father married Genevieve Petronis at St. Anthony's Church in Rockford, and two years later I was born and in 1957 my sister Janet was born.

In 1969, her husband died and in September of that year, my grandmother went back to Italy with her sister, Mrs. Sue Fassino for a visit. She visited her relatives and some of her old friends.

Today, my grandmother keeps busy around the house and visits her friends.

PARENTS

My mother, Genevieve Kazimera Petronis, was born on May 31, 1928. She attended Ellis School for kindergarten and first grade and when the family moved, finished grade school at Franklin School. In 1937, she started taking piano lesson.

She attended Roosevelt Junior High and from there went to West High and graduated in 1946.

Through high school, my mother had various part time jobs. Her first job was at the Kress Dime and Variety Store earning $.25 an hour, in 1943. She also worked at Broadway Laundry,a stocking factory, Block & Kuhl's, H.D. Hudson Mfg. Co., and was an accompanist at a dance studio, through high school.

She entered Rockford College in 1946 and stayed until 1948, going part time. She then transferred to Oberlin College in Ohio and stayed until February, 1952, when she graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree. She majored in piano and minored in voice.

When she came back to Rockford, she worked at Rockford Life Insurance Company until her marriage on November 29, 1954 to Ben Sandona.

On July 20, 1928, my father, Ben Sandona was born. He attended Ellis School and remembers that his favorite past time was playing baseball. He then went to Roosevelt Junior High. He specifically remembers December, 1941, because on the 7th, he was sitting in a theatre watching a movie when the owner interrupted the show and announced that Pearl Harbor had just been attacked. Also, all the students in Rockford had over a month long vacation because the school district didn't have enough money to buy coal.

He then went on to West High and graduated in 1946. During his high school years, he had part time jobs. His first was at Walgreens earning $.30 an hour in 1943. He lasted one week. Next he went to National Tea Food Store and worked there until 1946. After he graduated, he went to work at Barber Colman as a machinist, and started there on August 20, 1946.

On December 4, 1950, he was inducted into the army after being drafted into the army. He served as a tank commander in Korea and was discharged in September of 1952.

He had known my mother for quite a while (they went to kindergarten and first grade at the same school). They also went to the same junior high and senior high school. They were married on November 29, 1952. St. Louis was the choice for their honeymoon.

They rented their first apartment at 1120 Morgan Street, where they stayed from 1952 to 1954. The rent was $65 a month. While they lived there I, Carol Natalie, was born on March 1, 1954. Next,they moved to 1125 Selden Street where they rented a house. While they lived here, they bought their first television, black and white for $250. They also bought a gas range for $150 which we had until 1973, and the only reason we traded it in was because the door wouldn't open properly. In May of 1956, my parents bought a house at 3019 North Church Street, where we've lived ever since. On February 5, 1957 my sister, Janet Bernice was born.

During the 60's, my sister and I went to school while my mother took care of the house and my father worked. My father was definitely the disciplinarian in the house. During grade school, we also got our religious training at St. Bernadette's on Saturday morning. Both my sister and I attended West View School, Roosevelt Junior High, and West High. I graduated in 1972 and she will graduate in 1974.

For entertainment, most of the time we watched television. My father belongs to the Venice Club and used to spend quite a bit of time there, and he served as president for one year. My mother belonged to Mendelssohn Club. During the 60's, my father went on strike two times at Barber Colman, striking for better wages and benefits.

Both my parents consider themselves Democrats, but I have noticed a change. My father used to be a conservative Democrat, but after the fiasco in Vietnam and what's happening to the country right now, I think he could be called a liberal Democrat.

In the last couple of years, my mother has been substitute teaching and doing volunteer work at St. Mary's School. Last month, she got a job at Rockford Office Supply.

My father quit his job at Barber Colman in January after 27 years. He took a real estate course and passed the state exam in March and now is employed by Joseph Barbagallo Realtors. He is looking forward to a challenging new career.

My sister plans to attend college after graduation. She hasn't made up her mind yet where she wants to go.

I will be graduating from Rock Valley this year and plan to go on to the University of Illinois at Champaign. This summer, I'm going to the Soviet Union for three weeks. I'm looking forward to the trip very much.

TO BE GIVEN TO
THE PERSON NATURALIZED

No. 4537994

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP

Petition No. 7596

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Age 42 years; sex male; color white; complexion medium; color of eyes brown; color of hair dk. brown; height 5 feet 8 inches; weight 210 pounds; visible distinctive marks none
Marital status married; former nationality Italian
I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

ORIGINAL

Angelo Sandona

(Complete and true signature of holder)

Angelo Sendona

Seal

State of Illinois
Winnebago County } ss:

Be it known, that Angelo Sendona
then residing at 1134 Selden Street, Rockford, Illinois,
having petitioned to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and at a term of the Circuit Court of
Winnebago County held pursuant to law at
Rockford, Illinois on October 6, 19 38
the court having found that the petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, had in all respects complied with the Naturalization Laws of the United States in such case applicable, and was entitled to be so admitted, the court thereupon ordered that the petitioner be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-eight and of our Independence the one hundred and sixty-third.

Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By _____ Deputy Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

TO BE GIVEN TO
THE PERSON NATURALIZED

No. 4652758

CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP

Petition No. 8124

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Age 39 years; sex female; color white; complexion medium; color of eyes brown; color of hair dk. brown; height 5 feet --- inches; weight 145 pounds; visible distinctive marks mole by left side of nose; Marital status married; former nationality "Italian"

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

ORIGINAL

Antonietta Sandona
(Complete and true signature of holder)

(SECURELY AND PERMANENTLY AFFIX PHOTOGRAPH HERE)

Antonietta Sandona

Seal

State of Illinois
Winnebago County } ss:

Be it known that Antonietta Sandona then residing at 1118 Selden Street, Rockford, Illinois, having petitioned to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and at a term of the Circuit Court of Winnebago County held pursuant to law at Rockford, Illinois on October 4, 1939 the court having found that the petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, had in all respects complied with the Naturalization Laws of the United States in such case applicable and was entitled to be so admitted, the court thereupon ordered that the petitioner be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-nine and of our Independence the one hundred and sixty-fourth.

Arthur Olson
Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By _____ Deputy Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

My grandfather's death notice - he died November 4, 1945

Thad Balks at Cutting Up Old Bonnet for Pair

PILES Hurt Like Sin! But Now I Grin

Some Laxatives Often Not Enough

Reader's Digest

PETE SAYS

LET'S SWING INTO ACTION. CREATE THINGS IN PEACE THINGS LIKE IN WAR FOR A BETTER WORLD TO LIVE IN.

SANFORD, ROBERT, 1952-

PEASE USE INK; PLEASE PLACE THESE SHEETS AT THE FRONT OF THE SECOND COPY OF YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Dar Contributor to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection:

So that your family history can be made more useful to historians and others studying Aerican families, we are asking you to fill out the forms below. This will take you only a fw mintues, and will be easily made over into an index which will permit archive users ready acess to just those kinds of family histories needed.

I SURVEY

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(ID # _____)

1. Your name Robert Sanford
   Date of form May 5, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 X 1800-1850
   ___ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ___ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky
   ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) ___ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
   ___ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)
   X (Ill., Iowa, Wis.)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   X Farming X Mining ___ Shopkeeping or small business
   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   X Professions X Industrial labor X Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   X Roman Catholic ___ Jewish X Presbyterian ___ Methodist
   ___ Baptist ___ Episcopalian ___ Congregational ___ Lutheran
   ___ Quaker ___ Mormon ___ Other Protestant ___ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

   ___ Blacks X Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
   ___ Jews X Central Europeans ___ Italians X Slavs
   X Irish X British ___ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian ___ Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   X Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   X Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name James Sanford Current Residence Kirkland, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Cumminsville, Nebraska Date of Birth November 9, 1895

Education (number of years):
grade school X high school vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Farmer Dates lifetime 1st Joliet, Illinois Dates 1920 1940
2nd Dates 2nd Kirkland, Illinois Dates 1940 1974
3rd Dates 3rd Nebraska Dates 1917 1920
4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.
Voted not according to parties

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Newman Grove, Nebraska date 9/9/17

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Alice Heany Current Residence Kirkland, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Newman Grove, Nebraska Date of birth 8/12/1895

Education (number of years):
grade school high school vocational college X

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st School Teacher Dates unknown 1st same as above Dates
2nd Housewife Dates 2nd Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates
4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.
No party preference

Place of marriage to your grandfather Newman Grove, Neb. DATE 9/9/1917

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Date

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Date

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Date

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Anthony Maroney Current Residence _____

If dead, date of death [illegible]

Place of birth Dubuque, Iowa Date of birth February 25, 1895

Education (number of years):

grade school X high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st	Farmer	Dates til 1947	1st	North Buena Vista	Dates [illegible]
2nd	Menchanic	Dates til 1955	2nd	Dubuque, Iowa	Dates 1929-60
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates
4th		Dates	4th		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republicans

Place of marriage to your grandmother Dubuque, Iowa date 10/21/20

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Gertrude Crawford Current Residence _____

If dead, date of death 8/10/89

Place of birth Galena, Illinois Date of birth 9/25/97

Education (number of years)

grade school X high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st	Housewife	Dates lifetime	1st	Dubuque, Iowa	Dates 1920-1969
2nd		Dates	2nd		Dates
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

Place of marriage to your grandfather Dubuque, Iowa date 10/21/20

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Lyle Sanford
Place of birth St. Edwards, Nebraska date 6/5/18
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation laborer
Residence Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 1

2. Name Rachel Melton
Place of birth St. Edwards, Nebraska date 6/29/20
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation housewife
Residence Kirkland, Ill. Marital Status Widow
Number of children 2

3. Name Howard Sanford
Place of birth St. Edwards, Neb. date 7/21/22
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Appliance repairman
Residence Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 2

4. Name Veryl Sanford
Place of birth St. Edwards, Neb. date 5/23/23
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation farmer
Residence Kingston, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 2

5 Name Dean Sanford
Place of birth St. Edwards, Neb. date 7/10/26
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation unknown
Residence Texas Marital Status married
Number of children 8

6 Name Melvin Sanford
Place of birth Joliet, Ill. date 4/21/32
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation farmer
Residence Kingston, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 1

7 Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8 Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10 Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Paul Gurney
Place of birth Dubuque, Iowa date 11/4/21
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation electrical engineer
Residence Sacramento, California Marital Status divorced
Number of children 1

2. Name Kathryn Sanford
Place of birth North Buena Vista, Iowa date 4/2/22
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife
Residence Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 2

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Howard Sanford Current Residence Belvidere, Ill.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth St. Edwards, Neb. Date of birth 7/21/22
Education (number of years)
grade school X high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Repairman	Dates 1947-74	1st Belvidere, Ill.	Dates 1949-74	
2nd	Dates	2nd	Dates	
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates	
4th	Dates	4th	Dates	

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. no affliation

Place of marriage to your mother Dubuque, Iowa date 1/8/49

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Kathryn Maroney Current Residence Belvidere, Ill.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth North Buena Vista, Iowa Date of birth April 3, 1925
Education (number of years)
grade school high school X vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st telephone operator	Dates 1944-49	1st Belvidere, Illinois	Dates 1949-74	
2nd housewife	Dates 1949-74	2nd	Dates	
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates	

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. no affiliation

Place of marriage to your father Dubuque, Iowa date 1/8/49

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Mary Rojas
Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois Date of birth 11/14/47
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation secretary
Residence Belvidere, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 1

Name Robert Sanford
Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois Date of birth 3/20/26
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation student
Residence Belvidere, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children none

Name Janet Sanford
Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois Date of birth 11/20/28
Number of years of schooling 10 so far Occupation student
Residence Belvidere, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children none

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

III. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

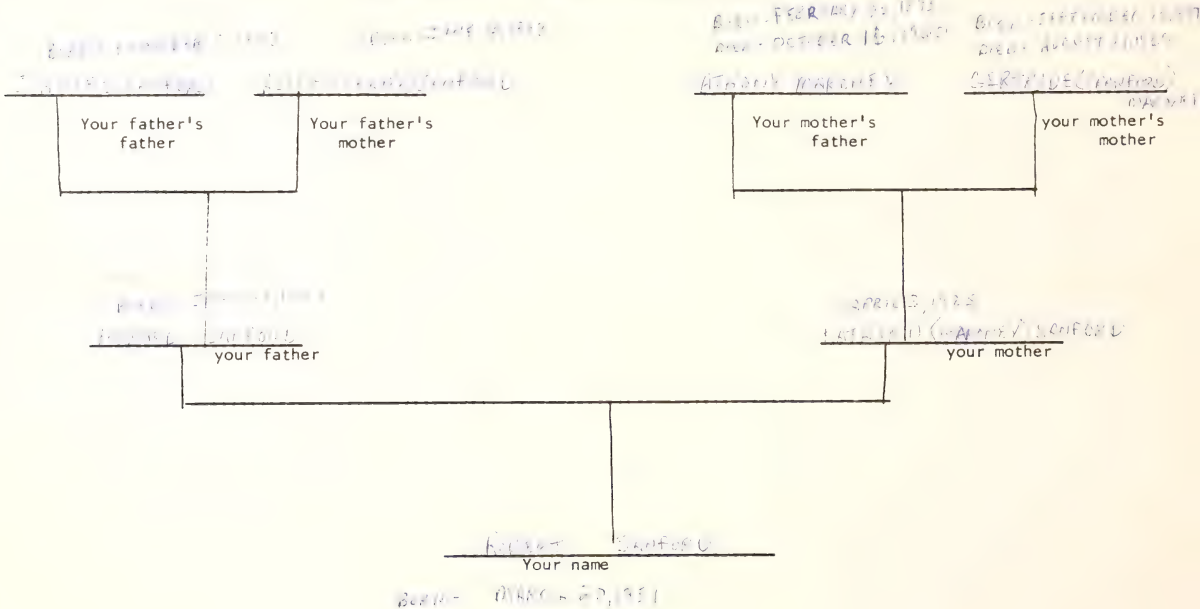
I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

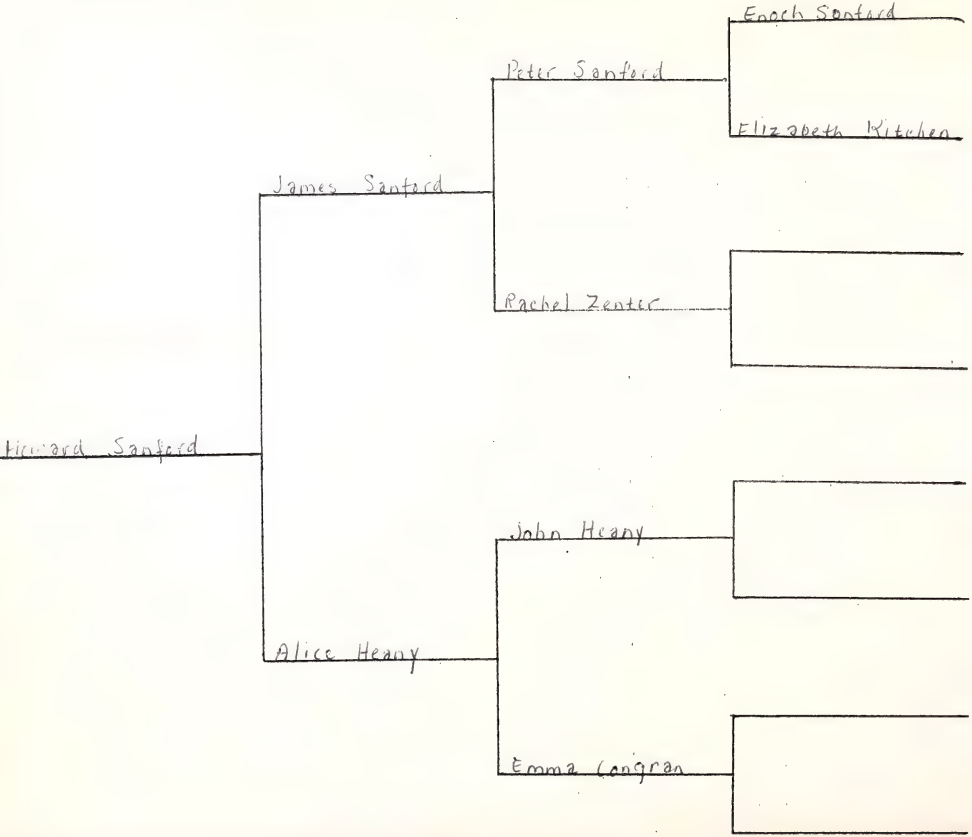
Signed [illegible]

Date [illegible]

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART

(for each give full name and date of birth; death)




Enoch Sanford
Peter Sanford
Elizabeth Kitchen
James Sanford
Rachel Zenter
Howard Sanford
John Heany
Alice Heany
Emma Congran

. Great-great-great Maternal Grandparents

Names:	Vaclav Maruna Marie Magdelene Adamovsky
Residence:	District of Tabor Bohemia under Austrian-Hungarian Empire
Birthdates:	unknown
Date of death:	unknown
Religion:	Catholic

. Great-great Maternal Grandfather

Name:	Vaclav Maruna II
Birthdate:	September 8, 1833
Where:	District of Tabor- Bohemia
Date of Death:	unknown
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Occupation:	Cloth weaver
Religion:	Catholic

. Great-great Maternal Grandmother

Name:	Marie Maly
Parents' names:	Jan Maly Anna Witek
Birthdate:	August 13, 1845
Where:	District of Tabor- Bohemia
Date of Death:	1943
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Catholic
Married:	January 10, 1863
Where:	Bohemia
Number of Children:	Five

). Children of Vaclav Maruna and Marie Maly Maruna

1. Name: Jan Maruna
   Date of Birth: June 1, 1879
   Where: District of Tabor- Bohemia
   Date of Death: unknown
   Place of Death: Dubuque, Iowa
   Relgion: Catholic

2. Name: Joseph Maruna
   Date of Birth: February 17, 1870
   Where: District of Tabor- Bohemia
   Date of Death: unknown
   Place of Death: Dubuque, Iowa
   Religion: Catholic

3. Name: Marie Maruna
   Date of Birth: March 18, 1882
   Where: District of Tabor- Bohemia
   Date of Death: unknown
   Place of Death: Dubuque, Iowa
   Religion: Catholic

ote: The Marunas came to the United States in 1884 and settled in Dubuque, Iowa.

4. Name: Antonia Maruna
   Date of Birth: May 26, 1888 (Still living.)
   Where: Dubuque, Iowa
   Religion: Catholic

5. Name: Frank Maruna

2. Maternal Great Grandfather

Name:	Frank Maruna
Date of Birth:	October 11, 1867
Where:	District of Tabor- Bohemia
Date of Death:	June 20, 1916
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Occupation:	Factory Laborer
Religion:	Catholic

3. Maternal Great Grandmother

Name:	Katherine Cyper
Date of Birth:	1864
Where:	unknown
Date of Death:	1906
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Catholic
Married:	August 1894
Where:	Sunsinowa, Wisconsin
Number of Children:	Two

Children of Frank Maruna and Katherine Cyper Maruna

Note: The name Maruna was changed to Maroney starting with this generation because of a conflict with the Catholic church.

1. Name:	Mary Maroney
Date of Birth:	1897
Where:	Dubuque, Iowa
Date of Death:	April 1951
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Protestant
2. Name:	Antony Maroney

Maternal Grandfather

Name:	Antony Maroney
Date of Birth:	February 25, 1895
Where:	Dubuque, Iowa
Date of Death:	October 16, 1960
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Railroad laborer; farmer
Married:	October 21, 1920 to Gertrude Crawford
Where:	Dubuque, Iowa
Number of Children:	Two

Children of Antony Maroney and Gertrude Crawford Maroney

1.	Name:	Earl Charles Maroney
	Date of Birth:	November 4, 1921
	Where:	North Buena Vista, Iowa
	Married:	January 1951 to Roberta Naylor
	Number of Children:	One- Gary
	Present Residence:	Sacramento, California
2.	Name:	Kathryn Mae Maroney
	Date of Birth:	April 3, 1925
	Where:	North Buena Vista, Iowa
	Married:	January 8, 1949 to Howard Sanford
	Number of Children:	Three- Mary, Robert, Janet
	Present Residence:	Belvidere, Illnois

This section is on the Maroneys' down to my mother. The next section will be on the Crawfords down to my mother.

Maternal Great-great Grandparents

Name:	James Crawford
Date of Birth:	1835
Where:	Northern Ireland
Date of Death:	1892
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Carpenter
Name:	Jane McGowan
Date of Birth:	1838
Where:	Scotland
Date of Death:	1920
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Catholic
Married:	James Crawford- date unknown
Number of Children:	Nine
Names of Children:	Margaret Anna Jane Susie Sadie Adam James Sam William

Maternal Great-great Grandparents

Name:	Edward Brown
Date of Birth:	unknown
Where:	Berene, Switzerland
Date of Death:	unknown
Place of Death:	Galena, Ill.
Religion:	Catholic
Occupation:	Miner; teamster leader

Note: Edward Brown came to the United States when he was sixteen, and also served in the Civil War.

Name:	Margaret Green
Date of Birth:	unknown
Where:	County Monahan, Ireland
Date of Death:	unknown
Place of Death:	Galena, Ill.
Religion:	Catholic
Married:	Edward Brown*- date unknown
Number of Children:	Eight
Names of Children:	Mayme Emma Nellie Margret Edward Albert Augusta

Maternal Great Grandparents

Name:	William Crawford
Date of Birth:	August 5, 1865
Where:	Dubuque, Iowa
Date of Death:	March 30, 1939
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Carpenter

Name:	Agusta Brown
Date of Birth:	November 10, 1868
Where:	Galena, Ill.
Date of Death:	January 19, 1962
Place of Death:	Dubuque, Iowa
Religion:	Catholic; turned Protestant for marriage
Married:	October 1891- William Crawford
Number of Children:	Five
Names of Children:	Edward James- April 22, 1893 to Jan. 29, 1962
	Hugh Albert- Feb. 16, 1896 to Nov. 21, 1946
	Gertrude Leona- Sept. 25, 1897 to Aug. 16, 1969
	William Robert- Aug. 10, 1900 to Aug. 28, 1964
	Anna Marie- May 23, 1903 (still living)

Maternal Great-great Grandparents

Name:	Enoch Sylvester Sanford
Date of Birth:	September 4, 1842
Where:	Iowa
Date of Death:	May 23, 1900
Place of Death:	Bartlett, Neb.
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Farmer

Name:	Elizabeth Ann Kitchen
Date of Birth:	unknown
Where:	unknown
Date of Death:	unknown
Place of Death:	Bartlett, Neb.
Religion:	Protestant
Married:	January 1, 1863
Where:	Argyle, Wisc.
Number of Children:	One
Name of Children:	Peter

Paternal Great Grandparents

Name:	Peter Sanford
Date of Birth:	May 1, 1865
Where:	Mineral Point, Wisc.
Date of Death:	April 4, 1919
Place of Death:	Erickson, Neb.
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Homesteader

Name:	Rachel Zenter
Date of Birth:	unknown
Where:	unknown
Date of Death:	unknown
Place of Death:	Erickson, Neb.
Religion:	Protestant
Married:	1889 - Peter Sanford
Where:	Nebraska
Number of Children:	Ten
Names of Children:	Lyman Bessie John Christina Bertha Julia Leona Viola Nora James

Paternal Great Grandparents

Name:	John Heany
Date of Birth:	unknown
Where:	unknown
Date of Death:	unknown
Place of Death:	Nebraska
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Homesteader

Name:	Emma Congram
Date of Birth:	unknown
Where:	unknown
Date of Death:	unknown
Place of Death:	Nebraska
Religion:	Protestant
Married:	Nebraska- date unknown
Number of Children:	Two
Names of Children:	Ellen Alice

Paternal Grandparents

Name:	James Sanford
Date of Birth:	November 9, 1893
Where:	Cumminsville, Neb. (sti l living)
Present Residence:	Kingston, Ill.
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Farmer (retired)

Name:	Alice Heany
Date of Birth:	June 13, 1898 (still living)
Where:	Newman Grove, Neb.
Present Residence:	Kingston, Ill.
Religion:	Protestant
Married:	September 9, 1917
Number of Children:	Six
Names of Children:	Lyle- June 3, 1918
	Rachel-June 29, 1920
	Veryl- May 29, 1925
	Dean- July 18, 1928
	Melvin- April 27, 1932
	Howard- July 21, 1922

Parents

Name:	Howard Sanford
Date of Birth:	July 21, 1912
Place of Birth:	St. Edward, Neb.
Present Residence:	Belvidere, Ill.
Religion:	Protestant
Occupation:	Repairman

Name:	Kathryn Maroney
Date of Birth:	April 3, 1925
Place of Birth:	North Buena Vista, Iowa
Present Residence:	Belvidere, Ill.
Married:	January 8, 1949- Dubuque, Iowa
Number of Children:	Three
Names of Children:	Mary Louise- October 11, 1949
	Robert John- March 20, 1951
	Janet Marie- November 28, 1958

SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE FAMILY

MOTHER'S SIDE

The family on my mother's side was a closely knit group. The activities they did, whether it was working together, or celebrating a holiday, they did as a family.

After the children were married and living their own lives, they never moved or traveled too far away. They stayed in the Dubuque-Galena area. My great-grandparents and grandparents traveled as far as Rockford, Belvidere, and Kirkland to visit friends.

The Marunas' name was changed to Maroney because of a conflict with the Catholic church. The family was Catholic until the turn of the century. It became primarily Protestant after 1901.

The Browns' were Catholic and the Crawfords' were Protestant. When Augusta Brown married William Crawford, she changed her religion to Protestant.

The level of education has increased considerably in the past 130 years. Examples:

1840-1860	3rd to 4th grade
1860-1890	6th grade
1890-1925	8th grade
1925-1950	12th grade
1950-present	college education

The work patterns were different between my Grandfathers' and Grandmother's families. The Maroney's very seldom followed in their father's line of work, while the Crawford's did.

Examples:

a. Vaclav Maruna I- farmer

b. Vaclav MarunaII- cloth weaver

c. Frank Maruna - farmer

d. Tony Maroney - railroad laborer

e. Earl Maroney - electrial engineer

f. Gary Maroney - factory worker

The Crawford's, on the other hand, were mostly carpenters, with the exception of Ed Crawford, who became vice-president of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad.

As far as who had control of the household, it was divided between the husband and wife. This included making decisions, spending money, the children, and places to go.

In every generation, with the exception of Frank Maruna, there has been some member of the family fighting in the war going on at the time.

Examples:

a. Edward Brown - Civil War

b. Tony Maroney - World War One

c. Earl Maroney - World War Two

The last generation to enter the armed services is the preceding one.

SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE FAMILY

FATHER'S SIDE

When the Sanfords' came to the Western Hemispher, they first settled in Canada, around the 1800's. In the 1840's, they came to the United States and settled in the plain states, mostly Nebraska. When they did move, it wasn't far away. They stayed primarily in the Midwest, mostly Wisconsin and Illinois. They were a very closely knit family up to my father's generation.

The level of education was fairly consistent through the generations.

Examples:

a.	1820-1850	6th grade education
b.	1850-1890	8th grade education
c.	1890-1920	8th grade education
d.	1920-1950	High school education
e.	1950-1974	High school and college education

The religion of the Sanford's has been primarily Protestant. It has been very seldom that a member of the family join the Catholic denomination. The political views of the family has been mixed throughout the years. There has been no party preference what so ever.

In every succeeding generation, the sons have been farmers like their fathers before them. Only in the last two generations have the males of the family gotten away to different professions.

As far as military service, the Sanfords' never served in the armed forces, with the exception of my father, who served in Europe during World War Two.

SCHIER, FRANCIS EUGENE JOHN, 1954-

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   ___ Baptist ___ Episcopalian ___ Congregational x Lutheran
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   x Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name JOHN E. SCHIER Current Residence Oregon, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Pine Rock Township, Chana, Ill Date of Birth 3-7-1891

Education (number of years):
grade school 4 years high school vocational college

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Farmer	Dates 1915-1974	1st Chana, Illinois (RFD)	Dates 1915-30
2nd	Dates	2nd Oregon, Illinois (RFD)	Dates 1930-74
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Lutherm

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Politics, Independent

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Oregon, Illinois date 12-29-1915

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name CARRIE AGNES CANODE SCHIER Current Residence Oregon, Illinois (RFD)
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Chana, Illinois (RFD) Date of birth 12-21-1894

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 years high school vocational college

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates 1915-1974	1st Chana, Illinois	Dates 1915-30
2nd	Dates	2nd Oregon, Illinois	Dates 1930-74
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Catholic changed to Luthern

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Politics, Independent
Pine Creek Womans' Club

Place of marriage to your grandfather Oregon, Illinois DATE 12-29-1915

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Date

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name GLENN HILL LOVELAND Current Residence deceased
If dead, date of death 4-18-46

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth 8-22-1883
Education (number of years):
grade school 8 years high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Machinist	Dates unknown	1st Long Pine, Nebraska	Dates 1907-11
2nd Coxswain, U.S. Navy	Dates 1903-1907	2nd Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1911-46
3rd Owned & operated auto repair shop	Dates 1913-1936	3rd	Dates
4th Foreman, City Water Dept. Garage	Dates 1936-1940	4th	Dates
5th Owned & operated Rockette Drive-In	1940-1946		

Religion Catholic
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Politics, Independent
Navy Club
Place of marriage to your grandmother St. Mary's Church, Rockford, Ill. date 5-18-12
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name ALICE HONORA McNAMARA LOVELAND Current Residence Nursing Home
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Sioux City, Iowa Date of birth 5-19-1893
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 years high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates 1912-1972	1st Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1912-74
2nd Restaurant Propriator	Dates 1940-1946	2nd	Dates
3rd Cook	Dates 1946-1950	3rd	Dates
Nurse's Aide	1950-1970		

Religion Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Politics, Independent
Place of marriage to your grandfather St. Mary's Church, Rockford, Ill. date 5-18-1912
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates ____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates ____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates ____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates ____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates ____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates ____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates ____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Francis Earl Schier
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 10-3-1916
Number of years of schooling 8 years Occupation Self-employed, Excavating Contractor
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Divorced
Number of children one

2. Name Robert LaVern Schier
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 2-1-1918 deceased 8-25-1918
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

3. Name Lillian Valdeen Schier Guernsey
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 12-30-1918
Number of years of schooling 8 years Occupation Manager, Restaurant
Residence 1435 N. Church, Rockford Marital Status Married
Number of children none

4. Name Anna Mae Schier Fisher
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 6-23-1920
Number of years of schooling 8 years Occupation Housewife
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children one

5. Name Vera Leona Schier Milliman
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 5-31-1921
Number of years of schooling 11 years Occupation Housewife, Restaurant Cook
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children seven

6. Name Marion Ione Schier Blumeyer
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 3-12-1923
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Restaurant Cook
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Divorced
Number of children three

Name Donald Eugene Schier
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 12-5-1924
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Farmer
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children four

Name Agnes Carolyn Schier Heller
Place of birth Chana, Illinois date 8-12-1928
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Housewife
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children two

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Margaret Cecile Loveland Whitney Schier
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date 3-8-1913
Number of years of schooling 19 years Occupation Teacher
Residence 910 N.Court,Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Divorced
Number of children four

2. Name Robert Harvey Loveland
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date 7-7-1914 deceased 8-10-62
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Bookkeeper, Bartender
Residence Marital Status Divorced
Number of children two

3. Name Thomas Glenn Loveland
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date 8-12-1916 deceased
Number of years of schooling 10 years Occupation Welder, Structural Steel
Residence Marital Status Divorced
Number of children one

4. Name Arthur William Loveland
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date 9- 12-29-1918
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Truck Driver
Residence Prairie Road, Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Divorced
Number of children five

5. Name John Joseph Loveland
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date 10-1-1924
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Stationary Fireman
Residence 721 E. State, Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children one

6. Name Mildred Joann Loveland McCartney
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date 8-10-1926
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Housewife
Residence R.R.#1, Ellsworth, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children one

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name FRANCIS EARL SCHIER Current Residence Oregon, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Chana, Illinois Date of birth 10-3-1916
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 years high school vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Farmer Dates 1930-1941 1st U.S. Navy Dates 1941-1942
2nd U.S. Navy Dates 1941-1942 2nd Oregon, Illinois Dates 1942-1974
3rd Excavating Contractor Dates 1942-1974 3rd Dates
4th Dates 4th Dates
Religion Luthern

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Politics, Independent

Place of marriage to your mother St. Peter's Church, Rockford, Ill. date 1-10-1953
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name CECILE LOVELAND WHITNEY SCHIER Current Residence (L) 910 N.Court,Rockford,Ill
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth 3-8-1913
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 years high school 4 years vocational college 7 years

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Employment Interviewer Dates 1933-1953 1st Chicago, Illinois Dates 1936-1949
2nd Teacher Dates 1956-1974 2nd Rockford, Illinois Dates 1949-1953
3rd Dates 3rd Oregon, Illinois Dates 1953-1956
Rockford, Illinois 1956-1974

Religion Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Politics, Independent Assn. Rockford Woman's Club; Rockford & Rosary College Alumni; Rockford, Illinois & Nat'l Education
Place of marriage to your father St. Peter's Church, Rockford, Illinois date 1-10-1953
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Frederick Arthur Whitney
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth 5-9-1944
Number of years of schooling 12 years Occupation Truck Driver
Residence 1516-6th Av., Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children two

Name Virginia Louise Whitney Mekemson
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth 12-11-45
Number of years of schooling 15 years Occupation Housewife
Residence 1225 Surrey, Glen Ellyn, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children one

Name Margaret Mary Whitney Daniele
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth 1-30-47
Number of years of schooling 16 years Occupation Teacher, Housewife
Residence 615 Crest, Wheaton, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children two

Name Francis Eugene John Schier II
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth 7-1-1954
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence 910 N. Court, Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
Number of children none

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Signed Francis E. J. Schier II

Date 5-23-74

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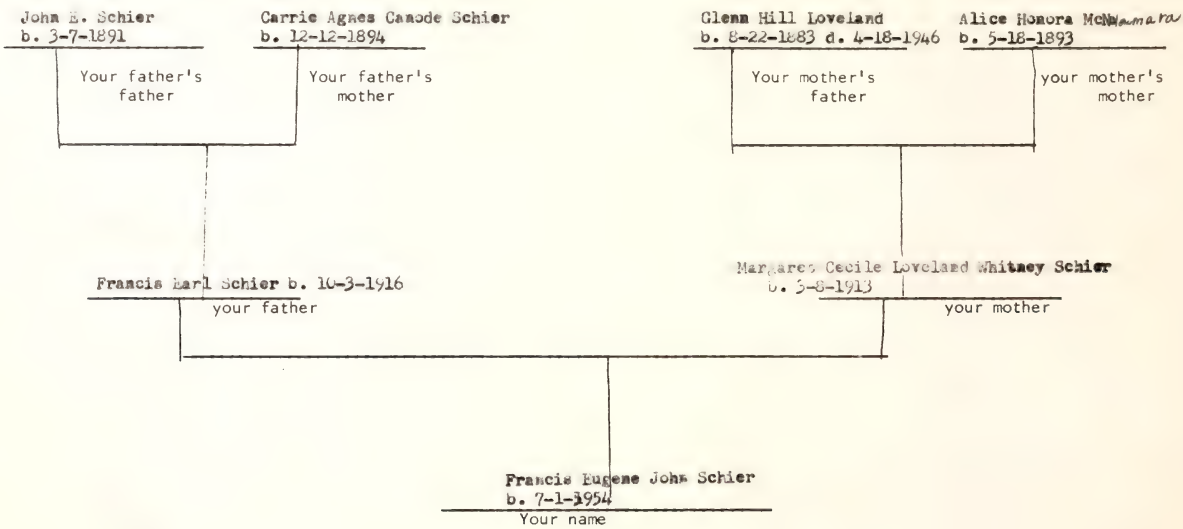
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



SOURCES

FATHER'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY

Lillian Valdeen Schier Guernsey

MOTHER'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY

Margaret Cecile Loveland Schier (Primary source)

Mrs. Alice Honora McNamara Loveland

Catherine Josephine McNamara Geng

John Joseph Loveland

GRANDMOTHER (Father's side)

CARRIE AGNES CANODE SCHIER

Born in Lafayette Township, Chana, Illinois to Jonas Canode and Mary Lynch Canode, on December 12, 1894, Carrie Agnes Canode was the fifth oldest in a family of ten.

Her parents immigrated from Ireland to the United States at an unknown date. Her mother, Mary Lynch Canode, was a woman of great character and strength. She raised her ten orphaned brothers and sisters after her own mother died when she was just sixteen. After she married Jonas Canode she had ten children of her own.

Grandmother was also raised on a farm and knew farmings hardships and joys. Three of her brothers and sisters died in infancy. Hard work was the way of her youth for she was milking cows when she was eleven. Life was hard, and neighbor helped neighbor when there was illness, and Grandmother was especially good at taking careof the sick. In the days of Grandmother's youth dances served as social gatherings and provided relaxation and entertainment for these hardworking people. At one such gathering John E. Schier met Carrie Agnes Canode.

GRANDFATHER (father's side)

JOHN E. SCHIER

Born in Pine Rock Township, Chana, Illinois to Andrew A. Schier and Anna Elizabeth Ennenga on March 7, 1891, John E. Schier was the third oldest in a family of six.

His parents were both German immigrants from Orfrieseland, Germany. They arrived in the United States in 1888 and homesteaded in Honey Creek, east of Oregon, Illinois

Grandfather was raised on the family farm of 185 acres and learned many skills as he grew up. His quick native intelligence and adaptability enabled him to learn quickly but much of his knowledge was acquired through hard work, and he was never one to turn away from that. In a community where the measure of a man was his ability to work Grandfather stood tall.

He was educated to the fourth grade at Honey Creek School and always had an aptitude for figures. As a youth he played baseball and loved to hunt and fish.

Little is known about his youth until he married Carrie Agnes Camode on December 12, 1915.

MARRIED (FAMILY) LIFE OF JOHN E. SCHIER

AND CARRIE AGNES CANODE SCHIER

John E. Schier and Carrie Agnes Canode met at a dance and courted in a horse and buggy. They were married by the justice-of-the peace in Oregon, Illinois on December 12, 1915. When they were first married Grandfather farmed the family farm. His mother lived with them and his father, Andrew Schier, had died.

The children of this marriage were, in chronological order:

1. Francis Earl Schier, born 10-3-1916
2. Robert Lavern Schier, born 2-1-1918, died 8-25-1918
3. Lillian Valdeen Schier Guernsey, born 12-30-1918
4. Anna Mae Schier Fisher, born 6-23-1920, died
5. Vera Leona Schier Milliman, born 5-31-1921
6. Marion Ione Schier Blumeyer, born 3-12-1923
7. Donald Eugene Schier, born 12-5-1924
8. Agnes Carolyn Schier Heller, born 8-12-1928

The only threat to the family in these years occured when the flu epidemic struck the nation in 1918. On neighboring farms entire households died, but the Schier family only had mild cases of it and there were no fatalities.

The farm improved and prospered under Grandfather's direction but he wanted more land and his own farm. He bought the farm where they now live west of Oregon on the Pines road at the beginning of the depression. This was a terrible time to be paying for a farm when the bottom had dropped out of farm prices. They survived because of good management and thrift and finally pulled through this difficult time.

Grandfather is a truly independent American farmer. He shingled and painted all his own buildings, had his own turning lathe and made handles for axes, pitchforks, and shovels. He repaired all his own tack and had his own blacksmith shop where he shod the horses and mules and made single and double trees that the horses were harnessed onto to pull the wagons. He repaired everyone's shoes, cut everyone's hair, including the girls.

The family worked the farm together. Children were considered children up to age ten and an adult at age sixteen. The children had many chores out at si xteen assummed adult responsibilities. Everyone worked from sum-up until dark. The girls worked in the fields along with the boys and grandfathers standards were high. Nothing less than perfection satisfied him.

Discipline was shared by both parents and all decisions made jointly with Grandfather having the final word.

Grandmother was quite a woman. She prepared all the meals, supervised the household chores and the girls. She worked in the fields, had a huge garden and canned enormous amounts of fruits and vegetables, helped butcher and canned the meat. When the day was over and the children in bed she sewed for the entire family and made all their clothes, including coats. She also raised poultry.

In earlier times they had a general farm. Milked cows and sold the milk and raised principally corn, oats, and hay selling only the crops they did not need to feed their own animals. For some time now grandfather has raised and fed fat cattle and gotten rid of the milk cows. Now the only grain raised is that needed for the stock.

Grandfather and Grandmother have been married for fifty eight years at present and are semi-retired. Their son Donald Eugene,and his sons, do most of the heavy work. Grandfather is still in good shape physically and works also making sure things are done properly. Grandmother still cooks and takes full care of the house. They are still quite independent, the epitome of the stamina and ingenuity of the American farmer.

Father

FRANCIS EARL SCHIER

Born in Chana, Illinois to John E. Schier and Carrie Agnes Camode Schier, on October 3, 1916, Francis Earl Schier is the oldest of seven children.

He had a typical farm childhood. He attended Honey Creek and Harmony Hill schools and was educated to the eighth grade. He worked hard helping his father until he enlisted in the Navy in 1941. He was in the Naval Service for one year and honorably discharged for medical reasons.

He returned to Oregon and worked for a neighbor who was crushing rock for several years.

He decided to go into the excavating business and purchased a Little Giant crane. He got established and worked with a one hundred mile radius of Oregon digging basements, sewer lines, etc.

He lived at home until he was married in 1953. After the divorce he moved to Oregon, Illinois where he resides today.

He has built his own helicopter and is interested in aviation.

GRANDFATHER (Mother's side)

GLENN HILL LOVELAND

Born in Rockford, Illinois, to Harvey Seymour Loveland and Adelaide Norcross Loveland, Glenn Hill Loveland was the third oldest of six children. The children were, inchronological order:

1. Arthur Clinton Loveland born (unknown), died 1932
2. Paul St. Clair Loveland born (unknown, died 1949 in Claifornia
3. Glenn Hill Loveland born 8-22-1883, died 4-18-1946
4. Clifford Vane Loveland born 5-4-1890, died 4-21-1910
5. Viola Fern Loveland born 1900, died 12-22-1917
6. Beach Boy Loveland born 11-19-1895, still living

Grandfather Loveland's early childhood was spent in a section of Rockford called the "Irish Patch". The "patch" was located in the vicinity west of Kent Creek and south of State Street, a newer section of town on the outskirts of a growing Rockford.

He attended Church School, 1411 Blaisdell Street. On his first day of school he wore a blouse, short kilted skirt, and had long brown curls that hung to his waist. He had innumerable fights to prove he was one of the boys and refused to return to school until his hair had been cut and he had trousers to wear.

His youth was spent in the era of dirt streets and wooden sidewalks. He and his friends liked to roll barrel hoops with a stick over the wooden sidewalks making a tremendous clatter. His companions in such undertakings were "Boots" Dolan, Tom Conway, and Ben Ollman. One of their favorite places to play was in the big meadow on either side of Kent Creek near State Street. Cows were pastured in the meadow and the creek ran deep and clear. In spots it was ten to fifteen feet deep and fine for swimming and fishing.

Not much is known of his life after he finished 8th grade except that he went to work and learned the machinist's trade during this period.

In 1903, at age 20, he enlisted in the navy and served four years. While in the navy he gained distinction as a gun pointer on the first battleship U.S.S. Missouri

of the Atlantic Fleet. On the basis of his, and his fellow gun pointers' marksmanship the first Navy E (a standard of excellence awarded for outstanding production during W.W.II) was awarded to the battleship Missouri by President Teddy Roosevelt. President Roosevelt personally observed the contest and is shown with Glenn Loveland standing to the President's immediate left. Grandfather Loveland was awarded a personal citation also by the President. (See picture and article on Navy E.)

He was discharged from the Navy on April 14. 1907. (See Discharge and enlistment record). His high ratings on his enlistment record are indicative of his character and personal integrity. He was respected and lauded by all who knew him through-out his life-time.

He returned to Rockford for a short time after his release from the Navy. He then moved to Long Pine, Nebraska to practice his trade with his brother Arthur who operated the first automobile agency in the area, selling and repairing Carter cars. In his capacity as machinist he repaired cars. Repair parts had to be made individually in the shop as interchangeable, mass-produced replacement parts were unknown.

It was in Long Pine that he met his future wife, Alice Honora McNamara. The circumstances of their meeting is unknown. They became engaged and chose to return to Rockford because it offered brighter hopes for the future. Grandfather Loveland went ahead to Rockford to earn money and prepare for his fiancee's coming. One year later Grandmother Loveland arrived in Rockford dressed in the latest fashion; a large velvet Merry Widow hat covered with plumes and a taffeta hobble skirt. They were married on May 18, 1912 in St. Mary's Catholic church.

GRANDMOTHER (Mother's side)

ALICE HONORA MCNAMARA LOVELAND

Born in Sioux City, Iowa to Robert Emmet McNamara and Catherine Mary Smith McNamara, Alice Honora McNamara Loveland was the second oldest in a family of seven. The children were, in chronological order

1. Robert Timothy McNamara born 5-9-1892, died 7-6-1962
2. Alice Honora McNamara Loveland, born 5-18-1893, still living
3. Ronald McNamara, born 1894, died 1894, age 6 months
4. Catherine Josephine McNamara Geng, born 10-29-1895, still living
5. William John McNamara, born 3-7-1897, died 7-24-1965
6. George Emmett McNamara, born 1898, died 1910
7. Albert Leo McNamara, born 4-20-1904, died 2-25-1970
8. Baby girl, stillborn, dates unknown
9. Baby girl, stillborn, dates unknown

As a child Grandmother Loveland lived on a dairy farm where her father operated a dairy on the outskirts of Sioux City. Her life here came to an abrupt and tragic end when she was about seven years old. Her mother was gravely ill and her father rushed to see her, leaving the groceries he had just purchased on the table. Grandmother Loveland and her brother Robert found matches among the groceries and soon set the barn on fire. The fire spread to the house and her mother had to be carried out in sheets to the neighboring house. Grandmother and her brother almost perished in the fire because they hid in terror under the porch. Fortunately they were found in time. The fire fanned by the wind spread to the neighbors house and her mother had to be moved again.

Burned out the family had to start over again. Grandmother's father had relatives in Nebraska who owned a large ranch and they told him about land available for homesteading. He sent the family to Nebraska to homestead while he remained in Sioux City working on the police force to finance the operation. Grandmother stayed in Sioux City with an aunt to finish school before she went to Nebraska.

When Grandmother was only fourteen years old she rode horseback for fifteen miles to cook and bake bread for twenty seven ranch hands on the big ranch and then rode back each day to help her mother. The family lived in a sod house and everyone worked hard. The boys cut hay that grew as high as the horses' chins, all took care of the farm animals, and worked often on the big ranch. Her father's periodic visits were special occasions. Her mother was a remarkable woman to be able to manage all the work, the children, and care for the family including the annual new baby.

Sandstorms made life miserable but everyone lived in dread of prairie fires. Grandmother was cut off from returning home by one that she described as a wall of flame as high as a two story building and roared like a freight train. The family at home had plowed a few furrows that seemed hopless in the face of impending doom when the fire split around a pond and the plowed strips and swept past like a bad dream. Only the house was left, the hay and crops were burned, but all were safe.

The exact circumstances under which grandfather and grandmother met are not known. After they became engaged grandfather returned to Rockford to get things ready to bring grandmother there to be married and to live. A year later Grandmother arrived in Rockford and they were married in St. Mary's Catholic church on May 18, 1912.

MARRIED (FAMILY) LIFE OF GLENN HILL LOVELAND

AND ALICE HONORA McNAMARA LOVELAND

The married life of Glenn Hill Loveland and Alice Honora McNamara Loveland began on May 18, 1912. They set up house keeping in a frame house at South Avon and Elm street. Glenn was working as foreman in the garage of the first auto agency owned by William Fletcher Barnes, Jr.

Their first child, Margaret Cecile, was born on March 8, 1913. The baby had colic, was very sickly and cried constantly. Even the neighbors took turns walking the floor with the baby at night when the parents were exhausted. When Cecile (my mother) was six months old, and there was no improvement in her condition, Grandmother took her to Nebraska so that her mother could see her before she died. Grandmother went to bed and slept for thirty six hours and her mother cared for the baby. Grandmother McNamara fed the baby fresh cow's milk and she began to get well. She gained weight and began to walk. When Grandmother returned to Rockford Grandfather couldn't believe it was the same baby and went through the train looking for his baby.

The next child, Robert Harvey was born on July 7, 1914. Soon after his birth the family moved to Loves Park, north of Riverside Boulevard near the river. By this time Grandfather had opened his own automobile repair shop at 317 East Jefferson Street.

When the third child, Thomas Glenn, was born on September 12, 1916 the family was living at the corner of Stanley and Green Streets. When he was a year old they moved to the country to a house at Owen Center Corners where the church, town hall, and Owen Center school were on opposite corners. This move was made to provide a healthy environment and living space for the small children. Grandfather drove his Model T Ford back and forth to his business in Rockford. While here Grandfather installed a Delco electric plant, wired the house and enjoyed electric lights at a time this was unheard of in rural areas. He also installed

a gasoline motor on Grandmother's washing machine when most women were scrubbing laundry on a wash board or using a hand-powered washing machine. He laid cement sidewalks, built a brick garage, and put a pump on the kitch sink so that Grandmother did not have to carry water. All of these projects were completed at night with the help of friends. When the work was finished they would all gather around the piano and play and sing into the wee hours of the morning. These were happy times and the work went on midst fun, laughter and singing. Grandfather attracted many friends like a magnet who helped him and enjoyed hunting and fishing expeditions too. Friends brought their wives and children for all these activities. Grandmother and the wives visited, cooked, knitted and did embroidery work. The children all had a great time playing in the barns, creeks and fields.

The fourth child, Arthur William, was born December 29, 1918. About this time my mother started first grade in the one room country school at age five. When it was time for Robert to start school my grandparents decided to move back to the city so the children could attend better schools.

After living for a short time at 707 Fulton Street they bought house at the corner of North Avon and Mulberry Streets. It was here that John Joseph was born on October 1, 1924. Grandfather also moved to a new garage that he had built at 122 Kilburn Avenue.

Once more they decided the growing family needed freedom to run and play and moved to West Heights, five miles west of Rockford on highway twenty. Here the last child, Mildred Joann was born on August 10, 1926. There was a large house, orchards, gardens, barns, and a huge yard on the five acre plot. Again the living was wholesome and pleasant but the children had plenty of chores and work to do and everyone worked hard. The fruit trees, berries, gardens required much effort to maintain and cultivate and the boustiful harvest required endless rounds of canning and preserving. There were chickens and eggs, milk from the two cows to be churned into butter and made into cheese, hay to cut, gardens to weed. So much work that there was a hired girl and a hired man to help.

The children grew strong and healthy and enjoyed riding the ponies and horses and playing with the children on neighboring farms. Grand father was too involved in his growing business to have time to help and the work became too much for Grandmother so they sold this place and built an apartment building at 1321 Garrison Avenue in the city. Grandfather sold his garage as part of the site for the new St. Thomas High School and opened another one in the Grantway Garage at Kilburn Avenue and West State Street, a block away.

The family moved into the new apartment building in 1929 occupying the entire first floor and renting two apartments on the second floor. My mother attended St. Thomas High School and so did her brothers when they were ready for high school.

The depression and the two auto accidents my mother and her brother Robert had in 1933 exhausted the financial resources of the family. Grandfather gave up his garage on State Street and literally moved his business into the backyard. The row of garages at the rear of the apartment building were used for the little business that was available. To keep the family off relief Grandmother took in washings and ironings and operated a home bakery. The children sold the bread, cakes and pies from door to door. Grandfather went to work on WPA make-work projects, This was a great blow to his pride and self-esteem. Somehow the family survived those difficult years but they were all permanently affected by the depression. All developed inner strenghths and resources they did not know they had and grew very close to one another. All became concerned and cautious in money matters and fearful of taking financial risks. For the children the future was very uncertain, college was out of the question, marriages had to be postponed, jobs of any kind were very difficult, if not impossible to obtain, and there was no money for clothes and entertainment. They grew old early with cares and responsibilities and it seemed to them that there was no future.

Conditions gradually improved for the family after Grandfather finally got a full time job as foreman of the garage for maintainance of the City Water Department trucks. Preventing foreclosure on the apartment during the depression years

had required a lot of ingenuity and mental agility. When the opportunity came to buy the home Grandfather's father had built on West State Street from the estate of his deceased mother my grandparents decided to sell the apartment and move into the old family home. This was a big old pleasant house full of fond memories for Grandfather and the children too. All enjoyed living here. My mother came home from Chicago to be married here on November 30, 1941. One week later came the Pearl Harbor attack, an event that changed the lives of the entire family. The next morning all four boys were waiting for the recruiting offices to open to enlist. Only Arthur was accepted as Robert had a crippled arm resulting from his auto accident, Thomas had a heart condition, and Jack was too young.

Arthur served in the Army Signal Corp as a Staff Sargeant. He had charge of a wire string crew that set-up and established communications in advance of the troops. The family was constantly concerned for his safety and grateful that he survived the campaign in Africa, the landings in Sicily and Italy. When the war ended he was fighting in the Alps and after serving in the army of occupation in Germany he came back home in 1946.

The war brought mobility to the family and the children started moving around. Robert married and established his own home in Rockford and later moved to Michigan to work in a war plant. Thomas went to the Lincoln Welding school and then worked in ordinance plants in Wisconsin and Virginia. My mother lived in Chicago and her husband was machine shop superintendent in a tank plant.

Grandfather and Grandmother purchased a drive-in restaurant, the Rockette, at 15th Avenue next to the river. Jack and Mildred, who were still in high school, helped them in the business. The business prospered and all was well until Grandfather became ill and had to retire. He died April 15, 1946.

Mildred was married in 1947 and two years later Jack was married.

Grandmother worked as a cook in various restaurants and in later years as a Nurse's Aide in Nursing homes. She sold the home on West State Street and moved into an apartment at 125 North Avon Street. Later she moved to 229½ Ogden Avenue where she lived until 1972 when she entered a nursing home. She is presently eighty one years of age.

Mother

MARGARET CECILE LOVELAND WHITNEY SCHIER

Born in Rockford, Illinois to Glenn Hill Loveland and Alice Honora McNamara Loveland on March 8, 1913, Margaret Cecile Loveland Whitney Schier was the oldest of six children.

She cried for the first six months of her life with colic. When this condition was corrected she became fat and sassy and walked at the age of six months.

Some of her earliest memories are of the house on Owen Center Road where she played in the yard under huge elms. She attended the Owen Center School, a one-room school, when she was five years old. Second through sixth grades were completed in Rockford Schools, and seventh and eighth grades at West Heights country school. Mother then attended the old co-ed St. Thomas High School for three years and Muldoon High School for girls in her senior year and was a member of the first graduating class of the new school in 1930. She attended Rosary College from 1930 to 1933. An automobile accident and the depression brought an end to her college work.

In an auto accident on August 16, 1933 she suffered a broken pelvis, internal injuries and an injured left knee. In another accident on the same day her brother Robert received four compound fractures and a smashed elbow in his left arm. Both were in St. Anthony's Hospital for many painful months. A year later Mother spent another six months in bed due to inflamatory rheumatism resulting from old injuries. This illness left her with a stiff left knee.

Her first job was clerical work for the Illinois State Employment Service on a temporary assignment. As a result of Civil Service exams she received a permanent appointment as an Interviewer and continued to work here until 1944.

In 1935 she resumed the plans for marriage to Harold Whitney that were interrupted by the auto accident and subsequent illness. Furniture was acquired and an apartment furnished for the big event. A fire destroyed the apartment and furnishings and stopped the wedding plans. Further delay was caused by her being transferred to a Chicago office of the Illinois State Employment Service in a

new Civil Service position. in 1936. Harold followed her to Chicago but wedding plans were again delayed by surgery on the stiff knee at St. Lukes Hospital in 1938, and she was unable to return to work for another six months. A wedding date was set for May 18, 1940 (her parent's wedding date) when Harold was drafted into the army and the wedding was off again. Three days before induction Harold was notified to report to work in an army tank plant as a tool maker instead of military duty. Wedding plans were on again and this time and this time what Harold called his "eight year whirl-wind courtship" was over. The wedding took place in Rockford at St. Mary's church on November 30, 1941. A wedding dinner followed at her parent's home on West State Street. Marriage at this church was important to her because her father had been baptized here, her parents married there on May 18, 1912, she had been baptized, made her first communion and confirmation here also.

One week later came the attack on Pearl Harbor and the war had a great impact on the newlyweds. Harold worked nights and mother worked days for three years. Mother resigned from the Employment Service when her first son, Frederick was born. The children of this marriage were

1. Frederick Arthur Whitney, born May 9, 1944
2. Virginia Louise Whitney, born December 11, 1945
3. Margaret Mary Whitney, born January 30, 1947.

Before Virginia was born Harold became ill with Hodgkins disease and was no longer able to work by the time Margaret was born. After a long time of suffering and pain he died on May 8, 1948. By this time all the financial resources had been exhausted and the family was on relief. Harold's death left Mother with three children under four years of age to care for.

It took a year before Mother could make any definite plans for work or for establishing a new life. In 1949 Mother moved back to Rockford and returned to work there for the Illinois State Employment Service. The children had a difficult time getting used to a succession of housekeepers and missed having Mother at home

to care for them. At first there was one financial crisis after another but they gradually eased as the regular income provided funds. In 1951 Mother managed to buy a house on contract at 910 North Court Street and the family moved in, very proud to be in a home of their own at last.

MARRIED (FAMILY) LIFE OF FRANCIS EARL SCHIER AND MARGARET CECILE LOVELAND WHITNEY SCHIER

Mother met my father at a dance in 1952. They were married a year later on January 10, 1953 in St. Peter's Church, Rockford, Illinois. They moved to Oregon, Illinois and established a home in a farmhouse five miles out on the Pines road. Mother was received with great warmth and affection and treated as a daughter by Grandmother and Grandfather Schier. I was born, Francis Eugene John Schier, on July 1, 1954. Before long difficulties arose that could not be resolved and my parents separated in 1956.

Mother began to teach school for the first time at the Byron, Illinois Elementary school and moved with the children back to her house on 910 North Court Street in Rockford. Mother taught in Byron for two years and then signed a contract to teach in the Rockford Public Schools where she had been teaching for the past sixteen years.

When Mother began to teach she started to take evening and summer school classes at Rockford College. It has taken seventeen years of night school and summer school for her to complete her bachelor's degree, obtain her Master's degree, and thirty additional graduate hours.

In 1958 my father sued for divorce and the marriage was officially terminated in 1959. Mother received custody of the child of this marriage (me) and at that point relations with the Schier family in Oregon ceased.

The children grew and completed school. Fred married just before he was graduated from high school. Margaret and Virginia attended Quincy College. Finances were strained to the breaking point while they were both in college and Mother was too. Everyone had extra part-time jobs, the girls received scholarships, and

Mother borrowed money while the girls received student loans. The girls married after leaving college and only Mother and I remain at home.

I am completing my second year at Rock Valley College and will be graduated on May 23, 1974 with an Associate Degree. My present plans are to complete my last two years of college and then obtain a degree in International Law.

The current status of the children is as follows:

1. Frederick Arthur Whitney, born 5-9-44, married to
   Judie May Adams, born 9-25-45
   children: Lynne Yvonne Whitney, born 11-20-63
   Frederick Roger Whitney, born 2-18-67
2. Virginia Louise Whitney, born 12-11-45, married to
   Daniel J. Nekemson, born 11-27-44
   children: Michael David Nekemson, born 2-14-72
3. Margaret Mary Whitney, married to (born 1-30-47)
   Francis Daniele, born 4-16-44
   children: Robert Dominic Daniele, born 8-5-70
   Christopher Allan Daniele, born 6-2-73
4. Francis Eugene John Schier
   single

No. 6.

Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy.

This is to Certify that Mr. GLENN HILL LOVELAND, a Coxswain, was a "TESTIMONIAL OF FIDELITY AND OBEDIENCE," & HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the U. S. S. WABASH, and from the Naval Service of the United States, this 14th day of April, 1907, at Boston, Mass.

Now, according to the provisions of Section 1578 (as amended by Act of Congress approved March 3, 1899) of the Revised Statutes, if within four months from this date the said Glenn Hill Loveland shall present this, his Honorable Discharge, at any United States Naval Rendezvous, and is found physically qualified, and shall reenlist for four years, then he shall be entitled to pay during the said four months equal to that to which he would have been entitled had he been employed in actual service.

Upon reenlistment, and the surrender of this Discharge, should he so desire, he will receive a CONTINUOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE, showing his service and honorable discharge, and shall receive an addition of one dollar and thirty-six cents per month to the pay of the rating in which he enlists or to which he may be promoted.

Given under my hand, Captain, U.S.N.,

Rating best qualified to fill, Coxswain.

Commanding U. S. S. WABASH.

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cause a symbol doesn't wear you on unless someone else [illegible] has it. It's the good old Sunday school gold-star principle." Stars [illegible] gold, used to receive gold stars in a Sunday school in Richmond, Va. An Army veteran of the First World War, he left his banking firm to join the Navy at the outbreak of World War II.

[illegible] Originally the Navy E was awarded for excellence in gunnery. Captain Strauss recalls that a U.S.S. Missouri gun crew won the first award in a hotly-contested target practice in 1906, with the then incredible score of 18 direct hits in 18 shots — [illegible] because battleship firing [illegible] slipshod and inaccurate. [illegible] 12 criteria are used by [illegible] and Navy boards to sift out [illegible] ranarations: quantity and [illegible] of production, avoidance of [illegible] conservation of ma- [illegible] etc. It is no indiscriminate [illegible] only three per cent of Amer- [illegible] plants have received the [illegible] And if they slow [illegible] away [illegible] for excellence? Cap- [illegible]

ENLISTMENT RECORD.

SCALE OF MARKS: 0, Bad; 1, Indifferent; 2, Fair; 3, Good; 4, Very Good; 5, Excellent.

Name, LOVELAND, Glenn Hill ; *Rate*, Lns. for Training (Attachment) ;

Enlisted April 15, 1903, *at* Rockford, Ill. *for* four *years*;

Previous Naval Service ---------- *years*; *Served Apprenticeship*, No ;

Gun Captain Certificate, No ; *Certificate of Graduation P. O. School*, No ;

Seaman Gunner, No ; *Trade*, [illegible] ; *Citizenship*, U.S. ;

Ratings held during enlistment, [illegible] & Coxswain.

[illegible] ; *Ordnance*, [illegible] ;

[illegible] *Great Guns*, [illegible] *Marksmanship, Small Arms*, [illegible] ;

[illegible] ; *Obedience*, [illegible] ;

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DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

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[illegible] Rockford, Ill. ; *Date* [illegible] 2[illegible] ;

[illegible] 7 *months*; *Height* [illegible] *inches*; *Weight* [illegible] ;

[illegible] ; *Hair*, [illegible] ; *Complexion*, [illegible]

Personal characteristics, marks, etc. [illegible]

Butterfly each shoulder [illegible]

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Percentage of time on sick list during enlistment: [illegible]

Crooked [illegible] little [illegible]

Is [illegible] *mentally qualified for reenlistment*.

[illegible] N.

I hereby certify that the above [illegible]

has been [illegible]

([illegible] *), in full* [illegible] *at time of discharge* [illegible]

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SCHUSLER, DAVID LOREN, 1951-

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URVEY

. Your name David Loren SCHUSLER
Date of form
26, November 1974

. Your College: Rock Valley College
Rockford, Illinois

. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

____Before 1750 ____1750-1800 __X__1800-1850
____1850-1900 ____1900 or later

. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

____New England (Mass., Conn., R. I.) ____Middle Atlantic (N. Y., Penn., N. J., Va.)
__X__South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N. C., S. C.) __X__East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn., Ky.)
____West South Central (Ark., N. M., Tex., Ok.)
__X__East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind., Ill., Wis.) ____Pacific (Cal., Wash.)
____ (Hawaii, Alaska) __X__Plains (ND, SD, Neb., Kan., Iowa, MO)

. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

__X__Farming ____Mining __X__Shopkeeping or small business
____Transportation ____Big Business __X__Manufacturing
____Professions ____Industrial Labor __X__Other

. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

____Romas Catholic ____Jewish ____Presbyterian __X__Methodist
__X__Baptist ____Episcopalian ____Congregational ____Other
____Quaker ____Mormon __X__Other Protestant __X__Lutheran

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____Blacks ____Indians ____Mexicans ____Puerto Ricans
____Jews ____Central Europeans ____Italians ____Slavs
____Irsh ____British __X__Native Americans over several generations
____East Asian ____Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

X Interviews with other family members	____ Family Bibles	____ Family Geneologies
____ Vital Records	____ Land Records	X The U. S. Census
X Photographs	X Maps	X Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Fred SCHUSLER Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death 24, December, 1958

Place of birth Wheaton, DuPage Co., Illinois (U.S.) Date of Birth 3, June 1881

Education (Number of years):
Grade school 8 High School _____ Vocational _____ College _____

Occupations		Place of Residence (after leaving home)	
1st Farmer	Dates 1903-1935	1st Chicago, IL	Dates 1901-1902
2nd Municipal Worker	Dates 1935-1952	2nd Wheaton, IL	Dates 1903-1904
3rd	Dates	3rd Warrenville, IL	Dates 1904-1958
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother DuPage Co., Illinois (US) date 14, October, 1908

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Mable Mae MACK Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death 1, April, 1954

Place of birth Wheaton, DuPage Co., Illinois (U.S.) Date of Birth 24, March, 1884

Education (Number of years):
Grade school 8 High School _____ Vocational _____ College _____

Occupations		Place of Residence (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates 1908-1954	1st Warrenville, IL	dates 1908-1954
2nd	Dates	2nd	dates
3rd	Dates	3rd	dates
4th	Dates	4th	dates

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather DuPage County, Illinois (U.S.)
Date 14, October, 1908

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Chivies Cansus TOWERY Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death 7, July, 1965

Place of birth Turkey Paw, Burke Co., N.C. (U.S.) Date of Birth 21, June, 1889

Education (Number of years):
Grade school 4 High School _____ Vocational _____ College _____

Occupations		Place of Residence (after leaving home)	
1st Textile worker	Dates 1907-1955	1st High Point, N.C.	dates 1914-1915
2nd Store owner	Dates 1955-1965	2nd Gastonia, N.C.	dates 1915-1918
3rd	Dates	3rd Thomasville, S.C.	dates 1918-1927
4th	Dates	4th Great Falls, S.C.	dates 1927-1965

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother York, York Co., South Carolina (U.S.)
Date 1, January, 1914

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Velma Veatris GREENE Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death 30, August, 1969

Place of birth Caroleen, Rutherford Co., N.C. (U.S.) date of birth 9, March, 1896

Education (Number of years):
Grade school 4 High school _____ Vocational _____ College _____

Occupations		Place of Residence (after leaving home)	
1st Textile worker	Dates 1912-1920	1st High Point, N.C.	dates 1914-15
2nd housewife	Dates 1921-1932	2nd Gastonia, N.C.	dates 1915-15
3rd Textile worker	Dates 1933-1949	3rd Thomasville, S.C.	dates 1918-27
4th Store owner	Dates 1955-1968	4th Great Falls, S.C.	dates 1927-68

Religion Baptist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather York, York County, South Carolina (U.S.)
Date 1, January, 1914

CHILDREN of A & B - Your father's name should appear below

1. Name Grace Amelia SCHUSLER
Place of birth DuPage County, Illinois (U.S.) Date 1, August, 1909
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Office clerk
Residence Batavia, Kane Co., IL (U.S.) Marital Status Widow
Number of children two (2)

2. Name Alfred Allen SCHUSLER
Place of birth DuPage County, Illinois (U.S.) Date 5, July, 1911
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Retired Carpenter
Residence Batavia, Kane Co., IL (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children five (5)

3. Name Robert Elmer SCHUSLER
Place of birth DuPage County, Illinois (U.S.) Date 14, June, 1914
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Construction Worker
Residence Rockford, Winnebago Co., IL (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children seven (7)

4. Name Elsie Rosetta SCHUSLER
Place of birth DuPage County, Illinois (U.S.) Date 1916 (Still birth)
Number of years of schooling -- Occupation --
Residence Deceased Marital Status --
Number of children --

5. Name Mable Ruth SCHUSLER
Place of birth DuPage County, Illinois (U.S.) Date 21, January, 1919
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Beautician
Residence Aurora, Kane Co., IL (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children three (3)

6. Name Myrtle Irene SCHUSLER
Place of birth DuPage County, Illinois U.S. Date , February, 1921
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Housewife
Residence Aurora, Kane Co., Illinois (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children one (1)

CHILDREN of C & D - Your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Mildred Juanita TOWERY
Place of birth Thomasville, Davidson Co., N.C. (U.S.) Date 13, July, 1921
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife - Real Estate
Residence Rockford, Winnebago Co., IL (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children seven (7)

2. Name Paul William TOWERY
Place of birth Thomasville, Davidson, N.C. (U.S.) Date 31, August, 1924
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Retired - U.S. Army
Residence Orlando, Orange Co., Florida (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children 0

E. Your Father

Name Robert Elmer SCHUSLER, Sr. Current Residence Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois (U.S.)

Place of birth DuPage Co., Illinois (U.S.) Date of birth 14, June, 1914

Education (Number of years):
Grade school 8 High school 4 Vocational _____ College _____

Occupations		Place of Residence (after leaving home)	
1st Farmer-odd jobs	Dates 1932-1940	1st Aurora, IL	Dates 1932-1940
2nd U.S. Army	Dates 1940-1946	2nd Service	Dates 1940-1946
3rd Odd jobs	Dates 1946-1953	3rd South Carolina	Dates 1946-1950
4th Laborer-const.	Dates 1953-1974	4th Aurora, Ill	Dates 1950-1953
		Sandwich, IL	1953-1962
		Plano, IL	1962-1963
		Aurora, IL	1963-1965
		Rockford, IL	1965-1974

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother York, York Co., South Carolina (U.S.)
Date 2, December, 1944

F. Your Mother

Name Mildred Juanita TOWERY Current Residence Rockford, Winnebago, (U.S.) Illinois (U.S.)

Place of birth Thomasville, Davidson, N.C. Date of Birth 13, July, 1921

Education (Number of years):
Grade school 8 High School 4 Vocational _____ College _____

Occupations		Place of Residence (after leaving home)	
1st Office work	Dates 1941-1944	1st Mobile, Alabama	Dates 1941-1942
2nd Housewife	Dates 1944-1974	2nd Charlotte, N.C.	Dates 1942-1946
3rd Real Estate	Dates 1967-1974	3rd (Same as above	Dates
4th	Dates	4th except for:	Dates
		Great Falls, S.C.	1963-1965

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father York, York Co., South Carolina (U.S.)
Date 2, December, 1944

CHILDREN of E & F - Your name should appear below

1. Name Grace Paulette SCHUSLER
Place of birth Charlotte, Mecklenburg, N.C. (U.S.) Date 17, August, 1945
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Teacher
Residence Kankakee, Kankakee Co., IL (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children two (2)

2. Name Robert Elmer SCHUSLER, Jr.
Place of birth Lancaster, Lancaster Co., S.C. (U.S.) Date 17, October, 1948
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Deans Food & college student
Residence Rockford, Winnebago, IL (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children two (2)

3. Name David Loren SCHUSLER
Place of birth Aurora, Kane Co., IL (U.S.) Date 7, February, 1951
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation College student
Residence Loves Park, Winnebago, IL (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children 0

4. Name Anita Irene SCHUSLER
Place of birth Aurora, Kane Co., IL (U.S.) Date 18, September, 1952
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Teacher
Residence Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co., WIS (U.S.) Marital Status Married
Number of children one (1)

5. Name Velma Jean SCHUSLER
Place of birth Sandwich, DeKalb Co., IL (U.S.) Date 18, April, 1954
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation College student
Residence Rockford, Winnebago, IL (U.S.) Marital Status Single
Number of children 0

6. Name Edward Chivies SCHUSLER
Place of birth Sandwich, DeKalb Co., IL (U.S.) Date 10, July, 1955
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford, Winnebago, IL (U.S.) Marital Status Single
Number of children 0

7. Name Sylvia Marie SCHUSLER
Place of birth Sandwich, DeKalb, Ill (U.S.) Date 24, April, 1958
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford, Winnebago, IL (U.S.) Marital Status Single
Number of children 0

David Loren Schusler
B 7, February, 1951
M 11, December, 1971
D

Robert Elmer Schusler
Father
B 17, June, 1914
M 2, December, 1944
D

Fred Schusler
Grandfather
B 3, June, 1881
M 14, October, 1908
D 24, December, 1958

B 1, March, 1848
M
D

Sarah Jones Schusler
Great grandmother
B
D

Mable Mae Mack
Grandmother
B 24, March, 1884
D 1, April, 1954

Elmer DeWitt Mack
B 1, March, 1862
M
D 1903

Rosetta Singleterry
B 21, March, 1865
D 1936

Mildred Juanita Towery
Mother
B 13, July, 1921
M 2, December, 1944

Chivies Cansus Towery
Grandfather
B 21, June, 1889
M 1, January, 1914
D 7, July, 1965

B
M
D

William Washington Towery

B
M
D

Martie Sue Dobbins
B
D

Velma Veatris Greene
Grandmother
B 9, March, 1886
D 30, August, 1969

John T. Greene
B
M
D 1915

Mittie ( ) Greene
B
D 1900

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FRED SCHUSLER

Fred Schusler was born to Joseph and Sarah (Jones) Schusler on June 3, 1881. He was born in the bedroom of Joseph and Sarah's farm house, on a farm just south of Wheaton, Illinois. Soon after Fred was born, his family migrated to northwestern Iowa.

Joseph and Sarah Schusler had a large family of eleven children. All the children helped their father farm the fertile land of northwestern Iowa. Joseph Schusler owned three farms in northwestern Iowa. He farmed the land and also was in the cattle business. In the early days of their life in Iowa, Joseph's farm house was visited frequently by Indians. They never caused any trouble. They would just look in the windows of the house, curious of the activities inside. The houses of neighbors were miles apart. There were no roads to nearby towns, except for dirt paths worn by the passage of wagons.

Fred Schusler's brothers and sisters were as follows, Tilly, George, Amelia, Joseph Jr., John, Matthew, Frank, Edward, Walter, and Willy. Willy died when he was three years old from a fever.

When Fred was a grown man, he returned to Illinois. He worked on several farms in the Chicago area. He worked for Chas. & Sandborn in Chicago for a short time. He did the groundskeeping at the golf course in Wheaton, Illinois, and had a milk route in Warrenville, Illinois.

In 1904, Fred took a job running the Elmer Mack farm just outside of Wheaton, Illinois. The owner, Elmer Mack had died. While working the farm he met Mable Mack, Elmer's daughter, and their courtship began.

MABLE MAE MACK

Mable Mae Mack was born to Elmer DeWitt Mack and Rosetta Singleterry Mack on March 24, 1884, at Warrenville, Illinois. Mable was born in the farm house of the Mack family farm. She was Elmer's first child.

The Mack family farm was first homesteaded by Elmer Mack's father. The original farm was 640 acres, and was purchased for a mere fifty cents per acre, from the government. The impressive Mack farm house and barn were built in 1840. Both were constructed with solid framework and took many hours of labor. The barn was made out of solid oak, with wooden spikes driven by hand to hold the sturdy structure together.

During the time when Mable Mack was on the farm, her father farmed 160 acres of land. The Mack farm house was a huge home, but was filled with warmth, and the sound of children. Mable, the eldest, was joined by two brothers, George and Clarence, and five sisters, Florence, Maud, Edith, Helen, and Elsie. All the Mack children were born at the Mack home.

The house was built with the same laborious efforts as the oak barn. Solid oak hardwood floors and trim could be seen throughout the home. The ceilings were 9 feet high, making the rooms seem even more awsome. The downstairs of the house had a huge kitchen with a wood burning stove, a formal dining room, living room, sitting room, sewing room, and one bedroom. The upstairs had three huge bedrooms and a storage room.

The storage room was big enough to hold four double beds. It was known as the "school room", because it was used as a school room in earlier years. The house was not insulated. Coal was burned in the dining room and the living room. There was no heat in the bedrooms. The house had a basement, with a root cellar for storing vegetables. The root cellar had a dirt floor in it.

The Mack home was the center for all activities. After it was first homesteaded the family grew. As the children became adults, they all were married in the Mack home. After marriage the children began farming a portion of the original 640 acres. Births, weddings, and funerals were all held within the walls of the Mack home. It was the scene of many family gatherings. It was a center for the family.

Mable was an eager child, who soon developed an interest in art. Her early childhood drawings reflected a talent that was developed into adulthood. When Mable was nineteen years old, her father died. Mable being the eldest, helped her mother to raise the other seven children and do the farming. It was a dairy farm, with hogs, and grain products also. A gravel pit was also located on the farm.

Soon after Mable's father died, the Mack's decided to get a hired hand to help run the farm. His name was Fred Schusler. Four years after Fred started on the Mack farm, he and Mable Mack were married.

FRED SCHUSLER & MABLE MAE MACK

After starting work at the Mack farm in 1904, Fred Schusler met Mable Mack. They courted each other, and on October 14, 1908 they were married in the living room of the Mack house, near Warrenville, Illinois.

Fred and Mable Schusler rented a farm a short distance from the Mack farm on Mack Road. On August 1, 1909 their first child was born, Grace Amelia. Five other children were also born while they lived on this farm. Two sons, Robert and Alfred, and three more daughters, Elsie (still birth), Mable, and Myrtle.

In 1921, Fred and his family rented another farm near Naperville, Illinois. They farmed this land for nine years. In 1932, they moved back to a farm near west Chicago. The depression also hit the farm during these years. The first year, bugs destroyed the crops. The second year a hail storm ruined the crops. In 1935 the harvest was good, but a tornado destroyed all the farm buildings and harvested crops. It was after these turn of events that Fred Schusler sold the farm and took a job in Wheaton, Illinois as caretaker of the City Park.

Fred and Mable's first years of farming were good. There was alot of hard work and money was short, but they always had plenty food and a warm house. The years of 1932-35 were lean years, with all the crops being destroyed. Mable worked hard helping Fred run the farm and keeping five children fed, clothed, and loved. The children helped with the farming. Even during the depression they always had food on the table. It was considered good fortune to be on a farm during the depression.

Fred was 54 years old when he took the caretaking job at Wheaton, Illinois. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed the job at the City Park. It was a quiet peaceful job, in which he could still work with the land. In 1952, Fred retired from this job, at the ripe age of 71. Two years later Mable died at the age of 70. Fred lived for four more years, dieing at the age of 77, in 1958. They both were buried in Warrenville Cemetery, Warrenville, Illinois.

As an added side note, Clarence Mack, brother of Mable Mack kept the 160 acres farmed by Elmer and also bought up more acres of land from other members of the family soon after Elmer died, for $90 an acre. In the 1960's he sold this land for $1200 an acre, and it is now owned by the county, and is a forest preserve. He received over $200,000 for the land.

ROBERT ELMER SCHUSLER, SR.

Robert Elmer Schusler was born to Fred and Mable Mack Schusler on June 17, 1914 (their third child). He was born in their farm house near Warrenville, Illinois, on Mack Road.

Robert enjoyed his childhood on the farm. He entered school at Gary's Mill School and attended first through third grade there. It was a small country school house. In fourth grade he started at Erb School in Naperville, Illinois and went there through grade eight. The school was named after the Erb family, who donated the land for the school. After grade school, Robert attended Naperville High School. While at Naperville High School, Robert was active in sports. He played football. He played both guard and tackle. Naperville won the majority of their games during his years there. They were in the "Little Seven League." Robert also was in track. He ran the half mile and threw the shot-put and discus. He received a letter sweater from Naperville High School. Robert graduated from Naperville High School in 1932.

The depression was a very difficult time for the country, but on the farm Robert and his family had plenty of food and a roof over their heads.

In the 1930's the average cost of a new car was $700-800. There were three choices of cars, coupe, sedan or convertible. Robert bought his first car in 1935. It was a 1928 Chevrolet, and he bought it for $50. The color choices were not too large either at this time, either black or red.

After graduating from high school, Robert worked on the farm at home for $1\frac{1}{2}$ years. Robert then went to another farm nearby and began work there. He made $25 a month, including room and board. At this time $15 a week was considered a high paying job, but jobs were not readily available for college graduates or skilled people. Robert stayed at the farm for a year and a half.

In 1935, he went to work at St. Charles Kitchens in Geneva, Illinois. He made tubular chairs, lawn furniture, etc. He worked here for one year.

From 1937-1939, Robert worked on construction projects (roads and bridges) in DuPage County for West Counties Construction Company. He worked was a laborer for $1.00 per hour. Some weeks he made up to $60 or $70 a week. This was considered "big" money, as high paying construction jobs now are considered "big" paying jobs.

On July 1, 1940, Robert entered the service. He was sworn into the U.S. Army at Chicago, Illinois. He had his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He then went to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Here he was trained in tank destroying. Next he went to Fort Hood, Texas to the armor division. He then transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia and received infantry training.

Robert went to Fort McClellan, Alabama and trained new recruits for basic training. Next he went to air borne school at Fort Benning, Georgia. At Camp McCall, North Carolina, he was with the 13th air-borne division for training to go overseas. While stationed here, Robert met Mildred Towery in 1944 and they were married that same year.

CHIVIES CANSUS TOWERY

Chivies Cansus Towery was born in Turkey Paw, North Carolina on June 21, 1889. He was born to William Washington Towery, and Mattie Sue Dobbins Towery. Chivies was the youngest of four children. He had two brothers, Perry and Gidney, and a sister named Sarah.

Chivies went to grammar school for four years. His two brothers helped his father farm. Chivies helped his mother at home with the chores.

Chivies liked the outdoors and as a youngster he would hike up to Crowder Mountain, near their home, and shoot rattle snakes.

When Chivies was sixteen, he started working in the cotton mills. During this period of time the main industry in this part of the country was the cotton mills. The majority of the people in this area worked in the cotton mills for a living.

Chivies went to High Point, North Carolina where he worked in the cotton mills there. A few years later he was in South Carolina working in the mills. In 1913, he met Velma Veatris Greene, whom he married on January 1, 1914.

VELMA VEATRIS GREENE

Velma Veatris Greene was born in Caroleen, North Carolina on March 9, 1896. She was the daughter of John and Mittie Greene. There were eight children in her family. This included five brothers, Gus, Charles, Pinckney, Cledus, and Loren. She also had two sisters, Naomi and Margaret.

When Velma was a young child, here two sisters caught some type of fever. It was believed by the doctors that not eating would fight the fever. Naomi crawled out of bed and into the kitchen and ate some apple peelings that she found in a wooden bucket. This helped her to survive, but her sister, Margaret died from the fever.

When Velma was four years old, her mother died. For the next eight to ten years, Velma lived from household to household, going between friends and relatives. She lived for awhile with her brothers, Gus and Charlie after they were married. (In later years, she stated that it seemed as if friends treated her better than relatives.)

Velma's father, John Greene owned a small grocery store in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He also ran a boarding house for college students.

When Velma was twelve years old, she started going to the cotton mills and helped her brothers on their jobs. She worked twelve hours a day.

When Velma was seventeen years old she met Chivies Cansus Towery at the cotton mills, and they were married on January 1, 1914.

CHIVIES CANSUS TOWERY & VELMA VEATRIS GREENE

Chivies Cansus Towery and Velma Veatris Greene were married on January 1, 1914 in York, South Carolina. Velma was seventeen years old and Chivies was 24 years old. Soon after they were married they made their first home in High Point, North Carolina. They rented a room in a boarding house. Both Chivies and Velma worked in the cotton mills in High Point.

In 1915, they moved to Gastonia, North Carolina. They rented a room there also, and both worked in the cotton mills.

In jl918, they moved to Thomasville, North Carolina. They rented a house owned by the mill company. Velma worked for a couple more years in the cotton mills. In July of 1921, their first child was born, a daughter, Mildred Juanita. Velma then stayed at home to care for the baby. Another child was born in 1924, Paul William.

In 1927, the family moved to Great Falls, South Carolina. Chivies, once again worked in the cotton mills in Great Falls. In 1933 Velma went back to work at the cotton mills and did so until 1949.

In 1955, Chivies and Velma started a small grocery store in the front of their home on 21 Broad Street in Great Falls, South Carolina.

Chivies died from a stroke on July 7, 1965 and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Great Falls, South Carolina. Velma kept the store going, but in August 1968, sold the home and moved to Rockford, Illinois to live with her daughter, Mildred. Velma died on August 30, 1969 in Rockford, Illinois.

MILDRED JUANITA TOWERY

Mildred Juanita Towery was born in Thomasville, North Carolina on July 13, 1921, the first child of Chivies Cansus Towery and Velma Veatris Greene Towery. She was born in their home, which they rented from the mill company where Chivies worked.

Three years after Mildred was born, her brother, Paul William Towery was born. When Mildred was six years old her family moved to Great Falls, South Carolina.

Mildred started school in 1928. She graduated from Great Falls High School in 1940. Mildred attended the First Baptist Church of Great Falls. She sang in the choir, and taught Sunday school. Her favorite subjects in school were, French, Latin, and English. In junior high school Mildred played basketball.

In 1941 Mildred's uncle Gus was killed by an automobile. Her Aunt Maggie came to the funeral in Great Falls, South Carolina from Mobile, Alabama. Mildred went back to Mobile, Alabama with her aunt. She got a job working in the purchasing department of the Alabama Dry Dock and Ship Building Company. She lived in Mobile, Alabama for two years. While there, she went to Alabama Business University and also worked at Southern Kraft (made paper bags).

In 1944 she went to Charlotte, North Carolina and worked in the Office of Valley Card Company doing bookkeeping. While working here she met Robert Elmer Schusler through some personal friends.

ROBERT ELMER SCHUSLER & MILDRED JUANITA TOWERY

While stationed at Camp McCall, North Carolina, Robert Elmer Schusler met Mildred Juanita Towery (1944). Shortly after they met, they were married on December 2, 1944 in York, South Carolina.

Soon after they were married Robert had to report to Fort Ord, California to be shipped to the Phillipines. While in the Phillipines he hunted for "Japs", went out on patrols, and had mop-op operations. While Robert was overseas, his first child was born in 1945. (Daughter-Grace Paulette).

Robert went to Okinawa, and while he was there the war ended. He then went to Japan for three months to gather war material. He returned via Fort Lawton, Washington (near Seattle) on ship, and then on to Fort Bragg, North Carolina for discharge on January 16, 1946. During his term in the service Robert went from Private to First Lietenant. ($410 per month)

After coming home, Robert, Mildred and Paulette lived in Charlotte, North Carolina for about six months. During the summer of 1946 Robert did farm work at Aurora, Illinois. In the winter of 1946 he did work in Florida. In 1947, they went to Great Falls, South Carolina. In 1948, a son, Robert Jr., was born in Lancaster, South Carolina. In 1949 attended school using GI compensation, also sold insurance.

In February of 1950, family moved to Aurora, Illinois where Robert did house painting and odd jobs. In 1951, a son, David Loren was born and in 1952 a daughter, Anita Irene was born.

In 1953, the family moved to Sandwich, Illinois. Robert joined the Laborer's Union and began construction work. In the winter he would work in the factories located in the Fox Valley area. There always seemed to be plenty of work available in the factories.

Two more daughters and a son were born in 1954, 1958, and 1955 respectively in Sandwich, Illinois.

The family moved to Plano, Illinois in 1962. In the summer of 1963 the family went out to Seattle, Washington and when they returned all of the family but Robert, Sr. went to Great Falls, South Carolina. Robert lived in Aurora, Illinois and worked with the Geneva Construction Company as a laborer. In September, 1964 Robert worked with the construction company that built Chrysler Plant in Belvidere, Illinois.

In January of 1965, the family all moved to Rockford, Illinois. Robert and family lived in several apartments, etc. before moving into the home on 1418 Kingsley Drive, where they still reside.

In 1967, Mildred received a real estate license and began selling real estate along with her duties at home. Robert kept working with construction and is doing so presently. There are only two children at home, presently. Four of the children, Paulette, Robert Jr., David, and Anita are married. Velma Jean is at college in Kankakee, Illinois.

Since 1944, Robert and Mildred occupied many homes. The money was not abundant, but even with seven children, they always had enough to care for each one in the family. Robert, at age 60 is still working with construction. Mildred is still selling estate and housekeeping.

DAVID LOREN SCHUSLER

David Loren Schusler was born in Aurora, Illinois at St. Charles Hospital, on February 7, 1951. It was a very cold night (-18 degrees) and the birth was at 9:48 p.m. David lived in Aurora, Illinois until the age of two when the family moved to Sandwich, Illinois, which is 20 miles west of Aurora, Illinois.

The family lived in a small house at 115 Cedar Street. David started school at W. Woodbury Elementary School in Sandwich, Illinois. He played little league baseball. Played position of catcher.

With seven children in the family there was always someone to play with right at home. During the summer David liked to garden and play baseball at the school grounds, which were only three blocks from the house.

The house on Cedar Street was a one story house with redwood siding. It had a kitchen, living room, bathroon and three bedrooms. Since there were seven children, some of the children had to sleep in the basement. We always had a big vegetable garden. The yard also had fruit trees (pear, peach, apple and cherry).

As a child, Christmas was usually a happy time, but the presents were few. Dad would be out of work in the winter at times, since construction work would stop. We made up for it with a pretty tree and "yummy" eats.

In 1962 we moved to Plano, Illinois which is four miles east of Sandwich, Illinois. We lived there about nine months. I went to Plano

Elementary School during that year. We lived in a ranch style house in a new subdivision in Plano. It had three bedrooms, living room, kitchen, full basement, and a two car garage. This house was bigger than the house in Sandwich, but the yard was smaller. In summer of 1963 went to Great Falls, South Carolina where my grandparents lived. I started seventh grade in school there. While there we lived in three different houses in one and a half years. All three homes were within one and half blocks of my grandparent's house. The first house was at 46 Pine Street and the second house was at 32 Circle Street. The third house was at 41 Circle Street. Each of these houses had two bedrooms.

Great Falls was surrounded by woods, which could be seen from all three houses. I spent alot of time hiking in the woods. I also helped my grandparents with the small store they ran. While in Great Falls, my father was living in Aurora.

In 1965 we returned to Illinois and moved to Rockford, Illinois. Dad bought his first new car, a 1965 Chevrolet. I finished 8th grade at Lincoln Junior High School. I did not like it there, because I did not know anyone. In the summer 1965, Chivies Towery died. I went and stayed with Velma Towery for one year and helped her with her store and housework. I attended the nineth grade while in Great Falls, South Carolina. It was a difficult year, because I was not allowed to go to games at school or friends houses. I thought it would be exciting to live away from home, but I found it was not.

I returned to Rockford, Illinois and lived with my parents at 1418 Kingsley Drive. I attended Harlem High School for three years and graduated in June, 1969. I enjoyed going to Harlem and being able to stay at one school for three years, enabled me to make friends and enjoy myself. While at Harlem High School, I joined Grace Lutheran Church in Loves Park, Illinois.

After graduating from high school I worked at ABC Parts and Machine Company. I worked on automobile engines and did sales work. In January, 1970 I attended Rock Valley College for one semester, but had to drop out due to surgery.

On February 24, 1971, I was drafted into the U.S. Army. I had basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana and in May, 1971 went to Fort Bliss, Texas.

I stayed at Fort Bliss until December of 1971, when I came home to Rockford and was married. On December 11, 1971, I married Jane Lorna Mueller at Concordia Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois. We were married by Jane's father, Rev. Randolph Mueller. One month after we were married, I had to report to Fort Lewis, Washington. On January 14, 1972 I was in South Vietnam. I was stationed near DaNang, as a motor pool mechanic. I moved around to different company's all nearby DaNang. In September, 1972 I was transferred to Saigon and stayed there until I was sent home in November. I returned home on November 14, 1972.

After returning home, I went to work for Rockford Blacktop until January, 1973. In January, 1973 I entered Rock Valley College, using my GI Bill.

While in Vietnam, my wife lived with her parents for a short time, and then got an apartment in Loves Park. She began furnishing it and when I came home it became our first home. We still reside in the same apartment, which is located at 229 River Lane in Loves Park.

Since January of 1973 I have continued to attend Rock Valley College, and will graduate from Rock Valley at the end of the fall semester 1974. I am majoring in industrial arts, secondary education. My wife is presently working for the Harlem School District as a secretary. We are active in church activities at Concordia Lutheran Church.

In January, 1975 I plan to attend Northern Illinois University where I will finish my college education.

SEGER, BETH MARIE, 1957-

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   Date of form April 17,1977 (ID #_____)

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   Rockford,Illinois

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   ____1850-1900 ____1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

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5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

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   X Transportation X Big Business X Manufacturing
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6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   X Roman Catholic ____Jewish ____Presbyterian ____Methodist
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   ____Quaker ____Mormon ____Other Protestant ____Other (name)_____

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   X Irish ____British ____Native Americans over several generations
   ____East Asian ____Other(Name)_____

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   X Land Records ____The U.S. Census
   X Vital Records
   X Photographs ____Maps ____Other

II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Peter Joseph Seger Current Residence Rockford, Illinois

Date of birth July 17, 1888 Place of birth Chicago

Date of death Place of burial

Education(number of years);
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational - college 2

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Bookkeeping	Dates -	1st Chicago, Ill.	Dates
2nd Sales-Reiss Premier	Dates -	2nd New Jersey	Dates
3rd Bookkeeper	Dates -	3rd Chicago, ILL.	Dates
4th Retired	Dates -	4th Rockford, Ill.	Dates 1971 - present

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Knights of Columbus, St. John's Young Mens Society Democrat

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Queen of Angels date Aug. 14 1921

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Lillian Kronenberg Seger Current Residence

Date of birth Dec. 28, 1896 Place of birth Chicago, Ill

Date of death March 26, 1977 Place of burial Our Lady of Heaven, Chi.

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school - vocational -
college -

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Sec.-Reiss Bros.	Dates 1919-1920	1st Chicago, ILL.	Dates
2nd Marshall Fields	Dates 1946-1967	2nd New Jersey	Dates
3rd Retired	Dates	3rd Chicago, Ill. Beloit, Wisc.	Dates
4th	Dates	4th Nursing Home	Dates 1972-77

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.
Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandfather Queen of Angels date Aug. 14, 1921

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Daniel Gleason Current Residence

Date of birth May I8, I897 Place of birth Rutland, Mass.

Date of death Oct. 2I, I962 Place of burial Queen of Angels

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school - vocational - college 2 yrs.

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Pullman Railroad Dates I922-26 1st Chicago, Ill. Dates ~~I922-27~~

2nd Northwestern RR. Dates I926-62 2nd Chicago, Ill. Dates I927-62

3rd Dates 3rd Dates

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandmother Our Lady of Sorrows Date June 3, I922

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1).

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Marie Angland Gleason Current Residence Chicago, Ill

Date of birth Jan. I2, I900 Place of birth Chicago, Ill.

Date of death Place of burial

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school - vocational - college -

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Contometer-Express Co. Dates I9I6-I926 1st Chicago-Apt. Dates I922-27

2nd Marshall Field Dates I944-45 2nd Adams St.-Chi. Washington, Blvd. Dates I927-I969

3rd Retired Dates 3rd Oak Park, ILL. Dates I969-

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandfather Our Lady of Sorrows Date June 3, I922

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

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Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ Date_____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ colleg

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Peter Joseph Seger, Jr.
Place of birth Chicago, Ill. date April I, I93I
Number of years of schooling I7 yrs. Occupation Glidden Branch Mgr.
Residence Rockford, Ill Marital Status Married
Number of children 7 Death

2. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Marion Gleason
   Place of birth Chicago, Ill. date Feb. 26, 1927
   Number of years of schooling 16 yrs. Occupation Engineer Supervisor
   Residence Oak Park, Ill. Marital Status single Ill.
   Number of children _____ death _____

2. Name Helen Margaret Jeger
   Place of birth Chicago, Ill date April 9, 1932
   Number of years of schooling 16 yrs. Occupation Housewife-Field Re
   Residence Rockford, Ill Marital Status Married
   Number of children 7 death _____

3. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

4. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

5. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

6. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

7. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

8. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

9. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

10. Name _____
    Place of birth _____ date _____
    Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
    Residence _____ Marital Status _____
    Number of children _____ death _____

Your Father

Name Peter Joseph Seger, Jr. Current Residence Rockford, Ill

Date of birth April I, I93I Place of birth Chicago, Ill

Date of Death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 9 high school 4 vocational - college 4

Occupation(s)

1st Lieut.-Marines Dates I954-56
Sales Trainee
2nd Glidden Paints Dates I956-57
3rd Salesman Dates I957-65
4th Branch Manager Dates I965-

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Quantico. Va. Dates 2/54- 9/54
Oceanside, Calif. 9/54-I/55
2nd Okinawa, Japan Dates 2/55-2/56
Oak Park, Ill I956-57
3rd Madison, Wisc. Dates I957-60
Arlington Hghts. Ill I960-7I
4th Rockford, Ill Dates I97I-

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat;
Alpha Beta Gamma, Knights of Columbus

Place of marriage to your mother Resurrection Ch. date Aug. 28, I954

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Helen Margaret Seger Current Residence Rockford, Ill

Date of birth April 9, I932 Place of birth Chicago, Ill

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational - college 4

Occupation(s)

1st Exec. Sec-Ill Farm Sup. Dates I953-54
2nd " " " " " Dates I955-56
3rd Equifax Field Rep. Dates I972-
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Oceanside, Calif. Dates 9/54-I5
2nd Oak Park, Ill Dates I956-57
3rd Madison, Wisc. Dates I957-60
Arlington Hghts. I960-7I
4th Rockford, Ill Dates I97I-

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat;
Lamba Alpha Beta

Place of marriage to your father Resurrection Church date Aug. 28, I954

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college__

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

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Place of marriage to your mother_____ Date_____

F-2 Stepmother

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college__

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates__

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates__

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates__

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates__

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your father_____ date_____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name Mark Joseph Seger
Place of birth Oak Park Il. Date of birth November 9, 1956
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford Il. Marital Status Single
Number of children - death

2. Name Beth Marie Seger
Place of birth Madison Wisc. Date of birth December 11, 1957
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford Il. Marital Status Single
Number of children death

3. Name Peter Joseph Seger
Place of birth Madison Wisc. Date of birth August 10, 1959
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford Il. Marital Status Single
Number of children death

4. Name Marion Susan Seger
Place of birth Madison Wisc. Date of birth August 30, 1960
Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford Il. Marital Status Single
Number of children death

5. Name Marie Louise Seger
Place of birth Arlington Hts. Date of birth September 6, 1961
Number of years of schooling *----- Occupation ---
Residence --- Marital Status ---
Number of children death September 6, 1961

6. Name Daniel Joseph Seger
Place of birth Arl. Hts. Il. Date of birth July 29, 1963
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford Il. Marital Status Single
Number of children death

7. Name Patrick Joseph Seger
Place of birth Arl. Hts. Il. Date of birth September 10, 1965
Number of years of schooling 6 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford Il. Marital Status Single
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford Illinois

Signed [illegible]

Date April 17, 1977

Father
Peter Joseph Seger
B - April 1, 1931
M - August 28, 1954
D

Mother
Helen Gleason Seger
B - April 9, 1932
M - August 28, 1954
D

Grandfather
Peter Joseph Seger
B July 17, 1888
M. August 14, 1921
D.

Grandmother
William Kronenberg Seger
B December 28, 1846
M August 14, 1921
D March 26, 1977

Grandfather
Daniel Gleason
B May 18, 1897
M. June 3, 1922
D. October 21, 1962

Grandmother
Marie Conyland Gleason
B. January 12, 1900
M. June 3, 1922
D.

Great Grandfather
B ?
M ?
D ?

Great Grandmother
Rose Marie Sterling Seger
B ?
M ?
D ?

Great Great Grandfather
Wilhelm Kronenberg
B ?
M ?
D ?

Great Great Grandmother
Mary Kronenberg
B ?
D 1934

Great Great Grandfather
Michael Gleason
B February 8, 1860
M around 1890
D November 1936

Great Great Grandmother
Katherine O'Leary
B September 19, 1870
M around 1890
D May 8, 1940

Great Great Grandfather
Patrick Conyland
B February 5, 1874
M around 1895
D February 4, 1926

Great Great Grandmother
Mary McQuinn
B March 25, 1874
M around 1895
D May 21, 1958

Great Great Great Grandfather
Dennis Gleason
B ?
M ?
D ?

Great Great Great Grandmother
Mary Scully Gleason
B ?
D ?

Great Great Great Grandfather
Daniel Sullivan
B ?
M ?
D ?

Great Great Great Grandmother
Hannah Hall
B ?
D ?

Great Great Great Grandfather
Michael Conyland
B ?
D around 1884

Great Great Great Grandmother
Mary Sullivan
B ?
D around 1884

Great Great Great Grandfather
Mike McQuinn
B ?
M ?
D ?

Great Great Great Grandmother
Mary O'Leary
B ?
M ?

LIST OF SOURCES

PART I

1. Peter Joseph Seger, Sr.
2. Lillian Kronenberg Seger
3. Peter Joseph Seger, Jr.

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1. Marie Angland Gleason
2. Jack Gleason
3. Marion Gleason
4. Helen Gleason Seger

PART III

1. Peter Joseph Seger, Jr.
2. Helen Gleason Seger

THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,
Where fond recollections continue to dwell,
The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood,
And the old, oaken bucket that hung in the well.
CHORUS: The old, oaken bucket, the iron bound bucket,
The moss covered bucket that hung in the well.*

*My grandfather, Daniel Gleason used to sing this song around the family well when he was very young. It is referred to later on in the paper.

PART I

Peter Joseph Seger, the first child of Bernard and Rose Marie Seger was born July 17,1888 in Chicago, Illinois. Bernard and Rose Marie were the children of immigrant parents. Bernards parents were from Germany and Rose Marie Sleetings father was from Germany and her mother was from Ireland.

Joseph(my grandfather), was the oldest of ~~five~~ six children; Madeline, John, Bob, Francis, and Bernard who died within a year after he was born. Joseph's father was a locksmith in a successfull store run by his brother and himself. They sold speaking tubes, bells, locks and other metal and iron products. Joseph's mother kept up the home and did volunteer work at the church.

My grandfather was raised in Saint Joseph and Immaculate Conception parishes and attended Saint Joseph's grammar school. Saint Joseph's was a strict Benedictine school where no money was spent on umiforms.

My grandfather was raised in a small house on Clark Street in Chicago for the first 15 years of his life. His family then moved to Ward Street, Chicago. The home had five rooms, with a pot belly stove and a five or six burner flat stove; blocks of ice were a refrigerator and clothes were washed and hung outside to dry.

Special family gatherings were usually at Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, and New Year's. Every Christmas, they would buy a tree at a grocery store and light it up with candles. In the evening, after dinner, Grandpa's father would light the candles and the family would sit around the tree and talk.

Joe and his brothers and sisters used to play cards, baseball, basketball, and go to school dances on their freetime. They couldn't afford to attend movies.

When my grandfather was very young, horsecars provided the main source of transportation. They were later surpassed by cable cars which were pulled by underground cables. When streetcars became electric, the wooden streets were torn up and the wood was distributed among the townspeople. My grandfather remembers filling the wood pile with wood from the streets.

My grandfather used to work at the grocers next to his house as a stock boy and clerk. On Saturdays, he would ride with the grocer to the South Water Street Wholesale Market and watch the wagon while the grocer was trading and selling food. The pay for this labor was a fantastic 50¢ a day.

Lillian Kronenberg was born December 28,1896 in Chicago. Her parents Wilhelm and Mary Kronenberg were children of immigrant parents. Lillian(my grand~~father~~ MOTHER) went to a parochial grade school and high school. Lillian's parents were very strict; children were seen and not heard, spoke only when spoken too.

My grandmother was engaged to a Marine in World War I who died in battle. A few years later, she met my grandfather while working as a secretary for Reiss Brothers. They were married August 14,1921, and settled in Chicago.

My grandfathers brother, Bob, was about 10 years old when they were married and for a wedding present, he saved his money and surprised them by hiring an organ grinder to play at their wedding reception.

Lillian had a miscarriage a few years after their marriage, later her brother died and she and Joe took in his two sons, Bobby and Harry and raised them for around 10 years. Bobby and Harry moved with them out to New Jersey when grandpa was transferred and back to Chicago years later. Grandpa and Grandma moved back to Chicago because her father, who was living with them was dying and he wanted to die in Chicago.

Upon resettling in Chicago, Joe was employed by the Edward Hines Lumber Company as a bookkeeper. In Chicago the mother of Bobby and Harry wanted her children back. My grandfather wanted to adopt them but she refused.

On April 1,1932, my father Peter Joseph Seger, Jr. was born in Chicago, Illinois. My father grew up in Saint Angela's Parish and attended Saint Angela's grade school. He graduated from grammar school in 1945, attended Fenwick High School and graduated from there in 1949. During high school he dated, played football his freshman year, boxed and was the cartoonist for the school newspaper.

My father was young at the onset of the war, but he remembers Pearl Harbor. His father and his uncle were changing

a light fixture and were listeneing to a Chicago Cardinals-Chicago Bears football game. Everyone was shocked; they couldn't believe that something as horrible as that could happen. During high school, my father used to collect cans for tin and turned them in at school for the government to use.

Joe started his freshman year at the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. After a semester, he transferred to DePaul and switched his major from Pharmacy to Marketing. Joe was Vice-President and Social Chairman of his fraternity, Alpha Beta Gamma. One year, they raised $1700 on a Saint Patricks Day Dance by serving green beer to minors until the police closed the place down.

In 1951, Joe enlisted in the Marine Core Reserves. He took the option of finishing school first and graduated from DePaul in 1954. Once out of school, Joe entered bootcamp at Parris Island, South Carolina. He finished basic training, and married my mother August 28,1954.

PART II

Dennis and Mary Gleason immigrated from Ireland before the Civil War. They settled in Rutland, Massachusetts and started a farm. Dennis and Mary left Ireland because of hard times and constant uprisings of the English landlords. In Massachusetts, they raised three sons and one daughter. Michael, my great-grandfather, was born in February of 1860. The other three children's names and birtndates are not known.

Daniel and Hunora (Nora) O'Leary also immigrated from Ireland just before the Civil War. They settled in Rutland, Massachusetts and started two farms. Daniel was drafted and paid another man $1500 to take his place. Since the O'Leary's were "well-fixed", Daniel could easily afford the price of a substitute. The O'Leary's had a daughter, Katherine, who was born September 10, 1870.

Michael and Katherine met because their parents owned neighboring farms. They were married and had their first child, Nora, in 1890. They had eight other children; Jack, Mary, Frank, Daniel (my grandfather), Ray, Evelyn, William and Robert.Three of their children died at very early ages; Robert died from internal hemorraghing, Nora died at the age of 20 from rheumatic fever, and Evelyn died from crib death.

Michael owned a small 80 acre farm in Rutland and was a part time teamster for the state sanitarium on the weekends and during the winter. A teamster was a person who pulled goods around to various businesses with a team of horses. This is where the term teamster comes from. Katherine took care of the house and later took in boarders like railroad crew workers and highway builders and washed clothes to make extra money.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, the average income was around $3 a day and on this income Michael raised a family of 11. As a teamster, he was paid twice a month at the beginning and middle of each month. It was to stretch $40-45 to cover two weeks.

My grandfather was born in a two story farmhouse in Rutland. Although the family lacked extra money to keep up the exterior of the house, the interior was well-kept with new carpeting and wallpaper installed every few years. While he was still very young, the farmhouse burnt down because of a faulty chimney. The family then moved into the old towne hall building in which they put up partitions to make rooms.

My grandfather's parents were politically minded. Although they did not have time to run for public office, they attended town meetings and marched in torchlight parades. There was a town meeting held once a year at which all the townspeople would gather and offer solutions to the many town problems and also decide upon the tax levy for coming year. The town constable would select three men to run the meeting.

These men also presided over the school board meetings and had control over a poll tax which was a tax one would have to pay in order to vote at the meetings.

All the children supported the family. My grandfather and his brothers and sisters would pick blueberries in the spring and summer and apples in the fall and then sell them. Everyone also helped around the house and the farm. After the boys were 10 and 11, they would go out to the woods with a team of oxen and cut and haul firewood to sell. They also killed rabbits for their food and fur "anything to make a dime." The children helped raise potatoes and till the garden for vegetables. During the winter months, meat was hung outside and kept frozen while in the summer months the meat was kept "refrigerated" in a cold, clear spring brook.

There was a central school in Rutland with grades 1 through 12. School children sometimes had to travel distances up to three miles to attend school. After a heavy snow fall, the children would spend the day shoveling and clearing the roads.

Most of the children's clothes were hand made including their mittens and shoes. Dan and his brothers and sisters would go barefoot in the summer in order to save money. During the winter they wore boots made of felt and covered with rubber.

Katherine, Dan's mother, was considered the spark of the family. Her spirit kept the family's morale up when things didn't go right. Both Dan's parents shared the responsibility of disciplining the children. In my grandfather's day, children were taught to have respect for elders. They answered them with the terms "sir" or "ma'am". The children were usually seen and not heard. They did not speak unless they were spoken to.

Special occasions around the Gleason household were Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and the 4th of July. These times were usually spent with relatives and neighbors. There would be huge gatherings which would require huge amounts of planning and food. The 4th of July was a favorite of the kids. Dan and his brother Jack and other children in the town would sneak out late at night and put cows on front porches, ring the churchbells at midnight, push backhouses (outhouses) on the front lawns and tip them over. It was a great surprise to wake in the middle of the night and rush out to the back only to see nothing but an old tree stuck over in the corner of the yard.

Every fall there was a town fair. The town's businesses would close Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in order that everyone could attend the fair. The fair had a variety of activities including baseball games, shooting gallerys, tug-of-wars and all different kinds of exhibits and displays.

Saturday was the biggest day of the fair with prizes awarded and a dance at night in the town hall. They would put corn meal on the floor to make it slippery and easy to dance on. Jack took dancing lessons but Dan and the rest learned how to dance at the town dance.

Although there was no formal sponsor, the children had their own teams and played games often. They would make a baseball diamond in the hay fields by simply cutting down as much hay as room was needed. There were many homeruns made by kids looking for balls in the tall hay that encircled the field.

Every once in a while, some of the boys would take a ride into Woster, a neighboring town. The only problem was that it took close to four hours to go 10 miles. Horse travel was a very slow means of travel.

The invention of the car brought a new kind of excitement into the town. The Gleason family never owned an automobile but Dan and his brothers all had one when they were older. There was a factory owner in the town who owned a shiny, new Buick and he used to drive it to work every day. The boys would watch with great anticipation as the Buick slowly crawled up the big hill in the center of town fully expecting to see the car come rolling back down.

It was thought to be very unsanitary to have a backhouse in your house. It was also more important to have water for your livestock than for yourself. There was a log in a yoke that you would let down to help pull the water up-it was an iron bound bucket covered with moss. There's a song they used to sing around the bucket.

Religion played an important role in the Gleason family. The whole family would attend church together every Sunday. Once a year, the entire family would participate in a spiritual retreat. The community was very tolerant of all religious beliefs. There was one other church in town which was congregational.

Dan quit school at the age of 15 because of an argument he had with his mother concerning his skipping school. He then found a job in a knitting mill in town earning approximately $3.00 a day. Dan was persuaded by a fellow worker to get out of factory work and go to Chicago to find a better job.

Dan's first reaction to Chicago was one of bitter diaappointment. He was not used to the blustery winds which blow year round in Chicago. However, Dan decided to give it a try. He found himself a job and put himself through night school. Soon after this World War I broke out and Dan joined the Navy. He was not sent overseas because he was color-blind. He was stationed at the Great Lakes during the influenza epidemic as a member of the medical corp. Dan said that the greatest part of his time was spent carrying dead bodies. After the war, he went to work for the Pullman Company and met my grandmother and was married.

Patrick John Angland, the youngest of five children, was born February 8,1874 in Ballyduane South, County Cork, Ireland. His parents, Michael and Mary Angland, had six other children; John, Michael, Maurice(Taddy), Tim, Nelly, and Margaret. When Patrick was 10, his parents died and he was sent to live with his oldest brother, Father John Angland in Scotland. Father John taught at the University of Glascow where Patrick completed his education. He then moved back to Ireland. Upon his arrival back in Ireland, Patrick learned that his brothers had not given him a share of his parent's estate. Since no jobs were available in Ireland at the time, Patrick moved to the United States to find work. He did not keep in touch with his brothers because of the hurt he suffered at being pushed out of the estate. We do have a copy of the auction of the property in 1893.

Michael and Mary McQuinn gave birth to Mary Agnes McQuinn March 25,1874 in County Karie, Ireland. Mary had one sister Margaret, and four brothers Michael, John, Tom, and one other whose name is not known.

Patrick and Mary met through their brothers in Ireland. They both came to the United States on the same boat in 1894. Patrick came to better himself and to find work. Mary came because her brothers were taking care of the farm. Later, Mary's sister Margaret immigrated from Ireland to New Hampshire.

Patrick's brothers are thought to have stayed farmers in Ireland while his sisters moved to Sydney, Australia and married cattleman.

On arriving in Chicago, Mary stayed with her mother's sister O'Keefe and Patrick stayed with cousins on the South Side of Chicago.

Patrick and Mary were married in 1895 at Chicago's Old Saint Stephen's Church. The church was later torn down to make room for apartment buildings.

Patrick worked for the Illinois Central Railroad and and after his marriage to Mary, they moved to Saint Collum Kill Parrish. They had twelve children; John, Timmy, Maurice, Marie(my grandmother), Helen, Edward, Vincent, Katherine, Thomas, Genivieve, Margaret, and Agnes. Four children died at very early ages. The cause of death of Timmy and Katherine are unknown although both died when they were less than a year old. Thomas was to have a mastoid operation but died before they could operate and Helen died when she was 26 of rheumatic fever.

Their first home in Saint Collum Kill Parrish is hazy in my grandmother's mind. It was a medium-sized house with five rooms. Later they moved to a bigger house with an apartment building on Ohio Street. There was a kitchen, sitting room, living room, dining room, an open back porch, and bedrooms.

Their neighbors on one side were the three Manning brothers Ed, Joe, and Dick. They were very successful lawyers whose offices were located downtown. On the other side, there were the O'Donnells who owned a teaming business. The O'Donnells had six children who Marie and her brothers and sisters grew up with. Many a summer night was spent by Mr. O'Donnell, the three Manning brothers and Patrick talking and drinking beer on the Angland's back porch.

As soon as the children were old enough, they were expected to find jobs to help support the family. The girls helped their mother bake bread in an old fashioned coal stove. They would bake eleven loaves of bread twice a week. The children also had to give their paychecks to their parents. My grandmother gave her mother her paychecks until she started going with my grandfather(Dan). The boys gave their's until they were 19 or 20, then they just paid room and board. This stopped as soon as they moveed out of the house.

Patrick and Mary were both very strict disciplinarians. They did not allow the children to discipline each other. They felt that was their job and that the children should not interfere. The children were usually punished by being grounded from a favorite activity.

Dinner in the Angland house was eaten in shifts. There were too many to sit at one table and the children all worked different shifts. They had a big old fashioned table but it wasn't quite big enough.

When my grandmother turned 14, the family moved to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. They bought a large home on Flourney Street which provided much more room for the family. The Flourney Street residence is where the Angland's acquired the first phone. Before that if Patrick or one of the children was going to be late for work, they would have to ask the O'Donnells to relay the message.

The Angland's children all attended parochial school. There was never any question about it. A Catholic had to attend a parochial school. Religion was a very influential factor in the Angland household. Marie's mother helped out at the church whenever she could find the time.

Christmas, Easter, the 4th of July, and neighborhood festivals were big events in the Angland household. Family and friends would usually share these holidays together. The city of Chicago also had activities to go along with the holidays. At Easter, the Chicago parks would sponsor Easter Egg hunts; during Halloween, costumes were prevalent at the parks. Prizes were awarded for the best costume. At night, a dance was held where everyone would parade with their costumes and lighted candles. In the middle of the parade, there would be older people with bags full of candy, nuts, and homemade cookies. They would twirl the bags around and if a youngster could grab one, it was his. The church would hold ~~these~~ different types of dances for teenagers two or three times a year.

Mary Angland was a very superstitious woman as well as a religious one. Among her many superstitions, there were three that stuck out in my grandmother's mind. The first one is one that almost everyone believes in; don't open an umbrella in the house. The second had to deal with dinner. Many times there would be thirteen people for dinner. Mary would not allow that number of people to sit at the table. Some of the children would have to sit in the kitchen. The third was the most important to Mary. Every year on New Year's Eve, a man had to be the first person to enter the house after the New Year began. According to Mary, this would start the year out right. Patrick performed this duty for many years up until his death in 1925. After this, Mary had the next door neighbor walk in the house in place of Patrick.

Marie worked for the express company with her sister Helen as a contometer. She would add, subtract, divide, and take care of the express company's account. Later, she was promoted to the office of paymaster. She was in charge of the payroll and the time cards. On the weekends, Marie and her friends did volunteer work for the U.S.C. It was here that she met my grandfather. He arranged to meet her there the following weekend.

Daniel Gleason and Marie Angland were married at Our Lady of Sorrows on June 3,1922. The wedding was very small and quiet. A small breakfast was held for the newlyweds at home with the relatives in attendance. They could not go on a honeymoon because the express company was in the process of consolidating and Marie could not afford to take the time off work.

My grandparents then moved into an apartment at 749 South Kilburn Avenue. Marie continued to work at the express company and Dan went back to work for the Pullman Railroad as head of the engineering department. In the early 20's, there was a labor strike and the Railroad offered Dan more money if he refused to strike. However, Dan felt the company was wrong and went out on strike. As a result of this, Dan lost his job with the Pullman Railroad company. He then went to work for the Northwestern Railroad company. Dan was then employed by Northwestern until his retirement in 1962. My grandparents gave birth to their first daughter Marion on February 26, 1927. Soon after, they moved to a house on Adams Street where my mother, Helen Margaret Gleason was born on April 9,1932. The Depression was hard on my grandparents, although my grandmother said that they were more fortunate than others. Dan still had his job which helped them make ends meet.

My mother was raised on Adams Street in a one story ranch style house. The garage, built by my grandfather, was located in the backyard facing the alley. My aunt and my mother both decided that the garage was just too small so they used the family car to rearrange the back wall. The incident is funny now, but my grandparents failed to see the humor in the situation.then.

Marion and Helen suffered from many of the common childhood diseases, but they both had bouts with serious illnesses. When Marion was a very young girl, she had rheumatic fever which left her partially blind in one eye. Helen had pneumonia but was fine after a few days in bed which was torture for a child who loved to play outside. Helen and Marion attended Resurrection Grade School, Siena High School, and Mundelien College. People told my grandfather that he was foolish to send two girls to college, but my grandfather wanted them to have the opportunity of a college education and a career of their own.

My mother met my dad the summer before her Junior year at a party at Connie Marvin's grandparents summer home. Later in the week, Connie asked my mom if she wanted to go on a blind date and so started the saga of the Seger's.

PART III

Peter Joseph Seger, Jr. and Helen Margaret Gleason were married August 28,1954 at Resurrection Church in Chicago, Illinois, just after my dad had finished basic training. They then moved to Oceanside, California where my dad was stationed until January of 1955. My mom moved back to Chicago to live with her parents when my dad was transferred to Okinawa, Japan. He was stationed there from February, 1955 to February of 1956. After his enlistment expired, my parents moved to Oak Park, Illinois where my brother was born. My father started working for Glidden Paints as a Salestrainee. Later in 1957, my parents were transferred to Madison, Wisc., where my younger Joe, my younger sister Marion, and I were born. We lived in Madison for approximately three years. The only thing I remember about our house was eating at the kitchen counter with some plastic plates. We were then transferred to Arlington Heights, Illinois where Danny, Patrick, and Marie Louise were born. Marie Louise was still born; the doctor told my mother that he thought she was dead before he delivered her. The umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck. If she had been born a day earlier, she would have lived. We lived in Arlington Heights for about 10 years. My mom did not work because she was busy raising six children.

My parents spent many evenings at home while were growing up, so they used to get together with our neighbors for block parties. Both being avid bridge players, they still met every few months to play bridge with three couples they went to school with.

In March of 1971, my family moved to Rockford, Illinois because my father was transferred and promoted to Branch Manager. A year later, my mother started working for Retail Credit as a field representative. The company's name is now Equifax. As a field representative, she can choose her own hours and work at homw.

During the last few years, my parents have met a couple, Fred and Sue Paolicchi whom they enjoy and love very much. Both couples took a mini-vacation into Chicago together for a weekend away from the kids and were able to view a play. The last two years, my parents and my mom's sister Marion have spent two weeks at Hilton Head, South Carolina which is a tennis complex. At Hilton Head, they usually "soak up the rays", as my dad puts it, play tennis, and unwind.

I, Beth Marie Seger was born December 11, 1957 at Saint Mary's Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin. My mother said I was quick, in a big hurry to be born and have been that way ever since.

I am the second oldest of six and have found advantages and disadvantages to my place in line. We have a big brother, big sister relationship in our family.

When I was little and would be scolded, my older brother Mark would put his arms around me and tell me every thing was allright. The same holds true for myself with my younger brother Joey, and Joey with Marion, Marion with Danny and Danny with Patrick. We have our fights though sometimes it seems like those are more frequent than helping each other. However, I think that's true of the average family.

My grammar school years were fun, life seemed like an endless playtime with school in between. I used to go to my brother's baseball games in the summer and bring Kool-Aid for the guys to drink and also for my dad who was also a coach.

We moved to Rockford when I was in 7th grade and I remember I was very upset about leaving my friends. However, in Rockford, I made some friends instantly and was glad to go back to Arlington Heights at Easter and tell my friends that I had made new friends in Rockford. That delight faded quickly because my so-called frieds dropped me that June and I spent a very lonely summer in Rockford. When I started 8th grade, I was scared to death, but I met some friends to whom I am very close to today.

Through my parents and school, I have developed a tremendous love of traveling. My freshman summer, my Aunt Marion and I spent about 2 weeks in Canada, at Quebec, and Montreal. The country was beautiful and my first airplane ride was great the following summer.

My family and I spent three weeks in Ireland climbing castles, kissing the Blarney Stone and munching on corn beef. The countryside is beautiful and it gave everyone a relaxed, calm attitude of dealing with frustations in life.

My Senior year, I went on a two week trip with my government teacher Mr. Albertson, to Switzerland and Russia. We spent four beautiful days in Lucerne, Switzerland, four days in Moscow and four in Leningrad. Russia was depressing but it opened my eyes to the reality of a very closed life.

I am now a freshman at Rock Valley and I plan on transferring to Loyola University in Chicago next year. At this moment, I am a psychology major and would like to go on to graduate school to obtain a masters in some area of Special Education.

I am glad that this paper was assigned because I can't remember when I've enjoyed writing a paper as much as this one. My whole family has shown interest and I think there is going to be a whole-hearted effort in tracing our family history.

SHAVER, RONALD LEE, 1949-

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   X Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name [illegible] Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death [illegible]

Place of birth [illegible], Ill. Date of Birth [illegible]

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st manufacturing	Dates 1895-1910		1st [illegible], Ill.	Dates [illegible]
2nd farming	Dates 1910-1919		2nd [illegible], Ill.	Dates [illegible]
3rd manufacturing	Dates 1919-1956		3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____		4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother [illegible], Ill. date [illegible]

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name [illegible] Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death [illegible]

Place of birth [illegible], Ill. Date of birth [illegible] 1884

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates 1902-1951		1st [illegible], Ill.	Dates 1908-
2nd _____	Dates _____		2nd [illegible], Ill.	Dates 1924-1951
3rd _____	Dates _____		3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____		4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. member of [illegible]

Place of marriage to your grandfather [illegible], Ill. DATE [illegible]

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Albert Eric C[illegible] Current Residence R[illegible], Ill.
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Jersey City, New J[illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Education (number of years):
grade school 5 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	butcher	Dates [illegible]	1st	[illegible], Ill.	Dates [illegible]
2nd	miner	Dates 1905	2nd	[illegible]	Dates [illegible]
3rd	construction farmer	Dates [illegible]	3rd	[illegible], Ill.	Dates [illegible]
4th	furniture co. milkman	Dates [illegible]	4th		Dates
	manufacturing	[illegible]			

Religion Protestant
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. [illegible]

Place of marriage to your grandmother [illegible], Ill. date [illegible]
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Esther Otilia [illegible] Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death May 5, 1973

Place of birth Swoland, [illegible] Date of birth [illegible], 1885
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	Housewife	Dates 1910-1973	1st	[illegible], Ill.	Dates 1910-13
2nd		Dates	2nd	Lake [illegible], Minn.	Dates 1913-17
3rd		Dates	3rd	[illegible], Ill.	Dates 1917-73

Religion Protestant
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

Place of marriage to your grandfather [illegible], Ill. date [illegible]
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible], Ill. Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

2. Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible], Ill. Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

3. Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence Fort Pierce, Fla. Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

2. Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children 1

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Max Edward Shaver Current Residence Rockford, Ill.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Dixon, Ill. Date of birth Sept. 10, 1910
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school [illegible] vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Printer Dates 1938-1957 1st [illegible], Ill. Dates [illegible]
2nd Tool & Die Maker Dates 1957-[illegible] 2nd [illegible], Calif. Dates [illegible]
3rd Dates 3rd Rockford, Ill. Dates [illegible]
4th Dates 4th Dates
Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republi[illegible]

Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, Ill. date Oct. 3, 1933
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Marianne Louise Shaver Current Residence Rockford, Ill.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Lake Wilson, Minn. Date of birth July 20, 1914
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Housewife Dates '56-present 1st Rockford, Ill. Dates 1933-1[illegible]
2nd Dates 2nd Los Angeles, Calif. Dates 1[illegible]
3rd Dates 3rd Rockford, Ill. Dates 1[illegible]-pre[illegible]

Religion Protestant
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republic[illegible]

Place of marriage to your father Rockford, Ill. date Oct. 3, 1933
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children 2

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children 2

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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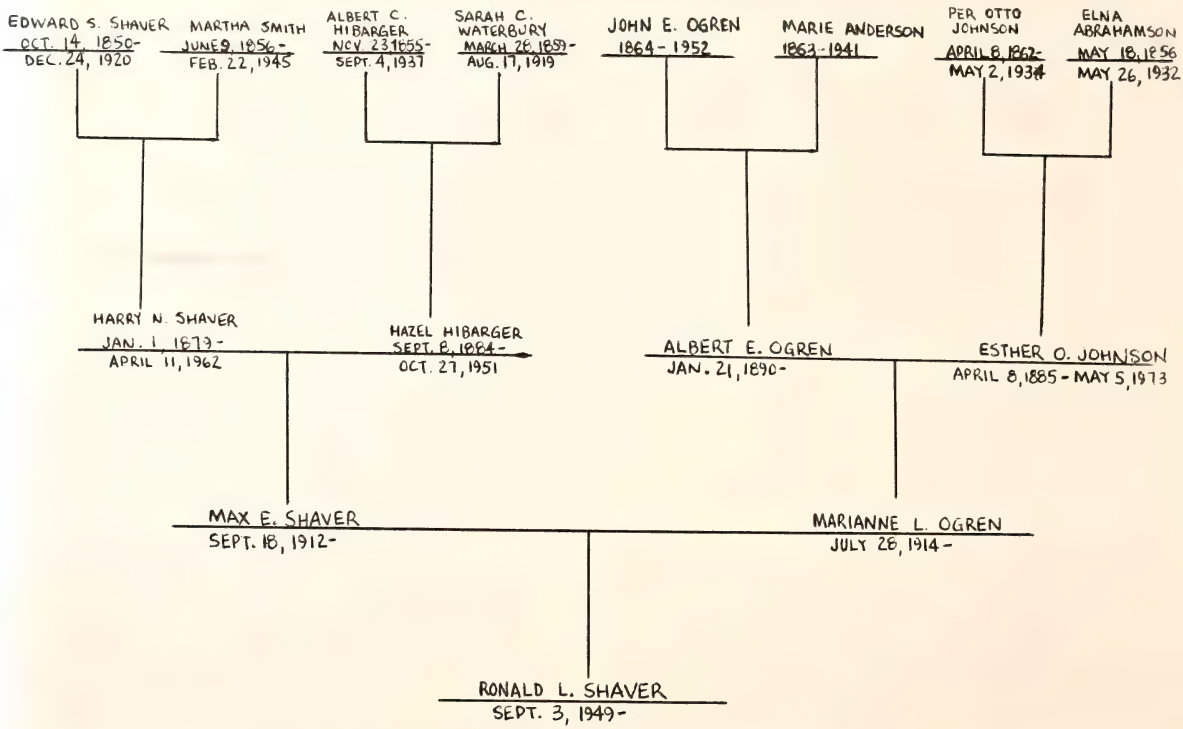
Signed Ronald F. Shaver

Date May 6, 1974


EDWARD S. SHAVER
OCT. 14, 1850-
DEC. 24, 1920
MARTHA SMITH
JUNE 9, 1856-
FEB. 22, 1945
ALBERT C. HIBARGER
NOV. 23, 1855-
SEPT. 4, 1937
SARAH C. WATERBURY
MARCH 26, 1859-
AUG. 17, 1919
JOHN E. OGREN
1864-1952
MARIE ANDERSON
1863-1941
PER OTTO JOHNSON
APRIL 8, 1862-
MAY 2, 1934
ELNA ABRAHAMSON
MAY 18, 1856
MAY 26, 1932
HARRY N. SHAVER
JAN. 1, 1873-
APRIL 11, 1962
HAZEL HIBARGER
SEPT. 8, 1884-
OCT. 27, 1951
ALBERT E. OGREN
JAN. 21, 1890-
ESTHER O. JOHNSON
APRIL 8, 1885 - MAY 5, 1973
MAX E. SHAVER
SEPT. 18, 1912-
MARIANNE L. OGREN
JULY 28, 1914-
RONALD L. SHAVER
SEPT. 3, 1949-

[illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]

Max Edward [illegible] Fa[illegible] [illegible], 1[illegible]

[illegible] Edward [illegible] [illegible] born to Harry Hazel [illegible] [illegible] 1[illegible], 1[illegible], in Dixon, Illinois. The [illegible] Dixon [illegible] [illegible] Street in the city of Dixon. Max attended grade school in Dixon. In 1925 the Shawers moved to Rockford, Illinois. The family lived on the west side of town, and Max attended 7th through 9th grades at Roosevelt Junior High School. He completed 10th through 12th grades at Rockford Central High School.

Max's first job was a paper route. Later, when in high school, he worked as an usher at the Coronado Theatre. Max took printing courses when in high school and planned to pursue that as a career when he graduated. A short time after graduating in 1932, he and four friends hitched rides on freight trains all the way to Florida. Unable to find a job there, he returned to Rockford alone, riding the freights again. A few days after returning to Rockford, Max was able to find a job at Bangor Printing Company. He received $7.00 per week for working 25 hours. After intervention by [illegible] [illegible] boosted to $1[illegible].00 per [illegible] [illegible] the depression he was [illegible] [illegible]. He worked in the [illegible] from 1[illegible] to 1[illegible]. In 1937 [illegible] working at [illegible] Company [illegible] 1939 [illegible] to Twin Disc. In 1[illegible] [illegible] Barber-Colman

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

after [illegible]

Rockford. In 1[illegible] he went [illegible] Mamex Mold and Tool Company. The [illegible] in building plastic and die cast molds. He sold his half of the business in 1959. He then became a partner in Mo-Mac Manufacturing Company. He sold his part of this business in 1962. In 1965 he went into business by himself. This company, Shaver Tool and Mold Company, built plastic and die cast molds, and machine parts for many large companies in Rockford. In 1971 he sold Shaver Tool and Mold Company and is currently employed at Metz Tool and Die.

Max Shaver was married on October 3, 1936, to Marianne Ogren in the home of her parents.

[illegible]

[illegible] 1917 [illegible] Mariannes [illegible] attended a number of different schools in Rockford, beginning at Brown School in South [illegible] for first grade. She attended [illegible] School at 1958 Fourth Avenue for second grade and [illegible] School at [illegible] and Crosby Streets for third through fifth grades. She then attended Highland School at 119 [illegible] Avenue for sixth and seventh grades, Lincoln Junior High School for eighth and ninth grades, and completed tenth through twelvth grades at Central High School. While at Highland School Marianne was in the "Know Your City Club". Once a week the club was taken by bus to different businesses or places of interest in the city for a tour. At Central High she was in the Sewing and Cooking Club. She also attended Central's football games, played at [illegible], and the school basketball games.

Marianne lived in many different locations while [illegible] in Rockford, [illegible] attended [illegible]. [illegible] family lived at 1420 Fifth [illegible] in 1917 from Minnesota. From [illegible] the family lived at 1212 Kishwaukee Street. [illegible] In [illegible] South [illegible]. Here they lived

[illegible] grad[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

In 19[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Fall [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] In 19[illegible] the family bought their first [illegible]

in 1923 [illegible] their [illegible] Ford.

[illegible] Attended First Evangelical Free Church all [illegible] was confirmed in 19[illegible]. In 193[illegible] she graduated from Central High School. Jobs were difficult to find, but she was able to get [illegible] National Lock Company, where she earned about $15.[illegible] per week. She worked there until 1935 [illegible] hospitalized. On October 3, 1936, [illegible] in the home of her parents. About 1[illegible] people attended their wedding.

[illegible]

[illegible] 1936, [illegible] at 906 17th Avenue. [illegible] 1946 [illegible] Shavers [illegible] California, [illegible] Rockford the same year. After [illegible] Rockford [illegible] lived at 1196 15th Street. In 1951 [illegible] into their new home at 1315 Widergren Drive and are living there presently.

On [illegible] 1937, the Shavers had their first child, Gary Edward. Gary graduated from Rockford East High School in 1955. After graduation he completed a carpenter apprenticeship. A few years later he went into the home building business with a partner. Gary was married to Barbara Bodergren on June 21, 1959. Their first child, Wesley Paul, was born March 30, 1960. Tal Randall, their second child, was born September 19, 1961. [illegible] Faith joined the Shaver family [illegible] December 7, 1966. In 1971 [illegible] decided to [illegible] builder, [illegible] he and his family [illegible] Venezuela.

[illegible] Max and Marianne [illegible] Rockford East High [illegible] Welsh [illegible] 1962, [illegible]

to Gary [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

1963, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] -

[illegible]ated from Rockford East High School in 1967. He then attended the University of Illinois for one year. Donald was employed at Shaver Tool and Mill Company from 1968 to 1973. In the spring of 1973 he began attending Rock Valley Junior College and will graduate in May 1974. In the fall of 1974 he will attend Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, majoring in special education.

Debra Joan was born to Max and Marianne Shaver on September 12, 1953. Debra graduated from Rockford East High School in 1971 and began working as a secretary after graduation. On August 26, 1972, Debra was married to Stephen Beaman. The Beamans are now living in Abilene, Texas, where Stephen is working on his Masters Degree in psychology at Abilene Christian University.

[illegible]

[illegible] Illinois, [illegible] 1, 1[illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible].

His first employment was in manufacturing in Dixon, Illinois. After his marriage to Hazel Hilbrecht in 1908, he began farming in [illegible]. He continued farming until about 1910 and then moved back to Dixon, Illinois, where he [illegible] employed in manufacturing. He and his family moved to Rockford, Illinois, in 1924, and he began working at National Lock Company. During the depression he worked as a janitor at the Palace Theatre on North Main Street in Rockford. After the depression he began working at Twin Disc and remained there until he retired in 1953.

Hazel Hiberg - [illegible] - [illegible], 1924.
[illegible], 1951

Hazel Hiberg [illegible] on Sept[illegible], 1[illegible], [illegible], Illinois. [illegible] is located about [illegible] miles [illegible], Illinois.

On May [illegible], 1[illegible], Hazel [illegible] member of the National Society of the [illegible] of the American Revolution. The certificate [illegible] follows: "This certifies that Mrs. Hazel Hiberg Shaver is a regularly approved member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in connection with the Dixon Chapter, having been admitted by the National Board of Management by virtue of her descent from Daniel [illegible] who with unfailing loyalty rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier during the Revolutionary War".

Hazel was married to Harry N. Shaver on January 1, 1908, in Polo, Illinois. Hazel and Harry moved to Rockford, Illinois, in 1924, and remained there until Hazel's death on October 27, 1951.

[illegible] Shaver [illegible]

[illegible] 1[illegible], in [illegible], Illinois, [illegible] 1910 [illegible], Illinois. [illegible] the Shavers [illegible] in [illegible], Illinois.

[illegible] was born to the Shavers on September 1[illegible], 1912, in Dixon, Illinois. [illegible] is married to Orlando Shaver, and they have four children.

[illegible] Carol [illegible] born to the Shavers on April 27, 1914, in Polo, Illinois. She is married to Cy Edwards, and they have three children. The Edwards live in Rockford, Illinois.

The Shavers third child, Florence Hiberger, was born February 9, 19[illegible], in Dixon, Illinois. Florence is married to Jack Lindstrom. The Lindstroms are living in Fort Pierce, Florida, and have four children.

Albert [illegible]

[illegible] 1[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] when he was about 15 years old. He then worked in a coal mine [illegible]. [illegible] about 18 years old [illegible] moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked for a construction company. In 190[illegible] he moved from Chicago to Rockford, Illinois, where he [illegible] Empire Furniture Company. In 1912 he was married to Esther Johnson. The [illegible] moved to [illegible]lson, Minnesota, in [illegible] where they farmed with Esther's parents. They returned to Rockford in 1917. In 1[illegible] Albert began working at Standard Dairy Company, which later merged with Dean's Milk Company. He continued working at the dairy until 1937, driving a horse drawn milk wagon until trucks were used. In 1937 he began working [illegible] Corporation and remained there until his retirement in 1955.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible]. She [illegible] to the United States in 1890 [illegible] their first home in Rockford, Illinois. During [illegible], the family lived [illegible] in the 8th Street area of Rockford. [illegible] the Marsh School at 8th Street and [illegible] through fourth grade and then attended Freeman School, 910 2nd Avenue through grade eight. Because the schools offered little in the way of social activities, the church was the center for getting together with other young people. The family attended the Swedish Evangelical Free Church, and many picnics and parties were planned by the young people of the church for entertainment.

The Johnson family had an average income and through the depression in 1890 always had enough money for essentials. Father's [illegible] in Sweden and then a salesman after coming to the United States. The Johnson children all [illegible] the house, such as washing dishes [illegible]. The family [illegible] some of the rooms in their [illegible]. Father, after finishing the 8th grade, stayed home and helped with the [illegible] and other children. [illegible] Knitting Company [illegible].

The [illegible] much of their spare time

[illegible]

[illegible] either [illegible]

[illegible]

In 1910 [illegible] married Albert Owen in the home of her parents. [illegible] 100 people attended their wedding and reception. The Owens were married for 43 years.

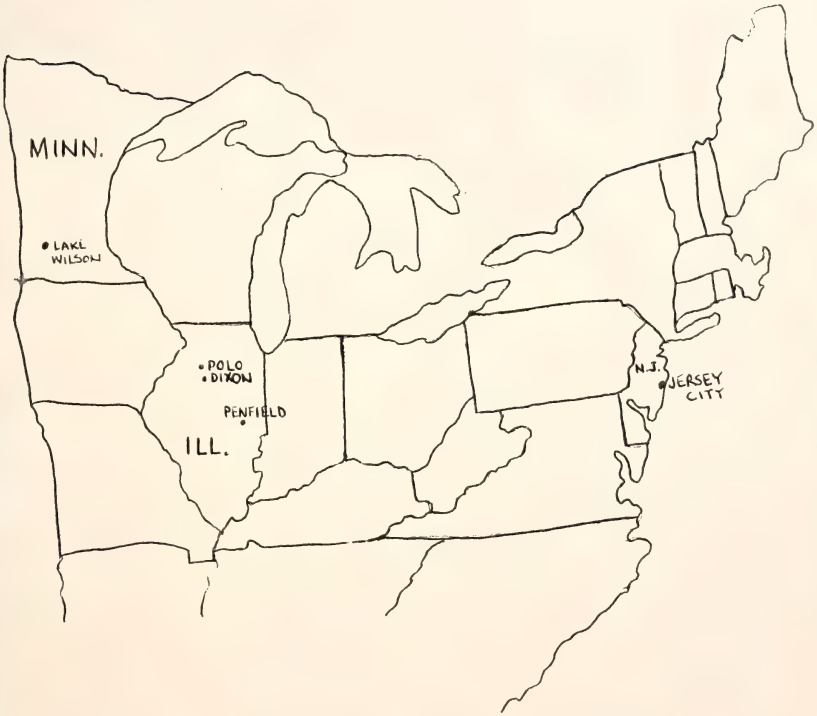
Albert [illegible]

[illegible] 27, 1912, in [illegible], Illinois. [illegible] Evangelical [illegible].

In 1913 the Ogrens moved to Lake Wilson, Minnesota, with [illegible] they [illegible] farming. Their farm was located about 11 miles outside of Lake Wilson, Minnesota. Lake Wilson was a very small town and had only a few stores. Saturday nights on the farm were bath nights which were taken in [illegible]. Outdoor toilets were another convenience. In 1917 the family moved back to Rockford and lived at 1422 Fifth Avenue. From 1919 to 1921 the Ogrens lived at 1712 Kishwaukee Street and in 1922 moved to 114 South Longwood. In 1924 the Ogrens moved to Summit Street and lived there until their new home at 1506 Crosby Street was completed.

On July 22, 1914, Marianne Louise was born to the Ogrens while they were living on their farm in Lake Wilson, Minnesota. Marianne was married to Max Shaver in 1936 and the Shavers have four children.

Roland was born to the Ogrens on December 12, 1917. He is [illegible] and has one child. He is employed as a machinist at [illegible] Jacobson Manufacturing Company in Rockford.



[illegible] Chavez-Polo, Illinois

[illegible] Chavez-Penfield, Illinois

[illegible] E. [illegible]-Jersey City, New Jersey

[illegible] Shaver-Dixon, Illinois

[illegible] Shaver-Lake Wilson, Minnesota

SMITH, BARRETT THEODORE, 1958-

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2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ____Before 1750 ____1750-1800 ____1800-1850
   X 1850-1900 ____1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ____New England(Mass.,Conn.,R.I.) ____Middle Atlantic(N.Y.,Penna., N.J. Va.) ____South Atlantic(Ga.,Fla.,N.C.,S.C.) ____East South Central (La.,Miss.,Ala.,Tenn,Ky.) ____West South Central(Ark.,N.M.,Tex.,Ok.)
   X East North Central(Mich.,Ohio,Ind.) ____Pacific(Cal.,Wash.)
   ____(Hawaii,Alaska) (Ill., Wisc.,)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   X Farming ____Mining X Shopkeeping or small business
   ____Transportation ____Big Business X Manufacturing
   ____Professions X Industrial Labor ____Other Musician

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   ____Roman Catholic ____Jewish ____Presbyterian X Methodist
   ____Baptist ____Episcopalian ____Congregational ____Lutheran
   ____Quaker ____Mormon ____Other Protestant ____Other (name)_____

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

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   ____Jews ____Central Europeans ____Italians ____Slavs
   X Irish X British ____Native Americans over several generations
   ____East Asian ____Other(Name)_____

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   X Interviews with other family members ____Family Bibles ____Family Genealogies
   ____Land Records ____The U.S. Census
   ____Vital Records
   ____Photographs ____Maps ____Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name William Myron Smith Current Residence Rockford

Date of birth Dec. 5, 1904 Place of birth Bradford, Ill.

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education(number of years);
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st farmer Dates _____

2nd security guard Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Bradford, Ill. Dates _____

2nd Van Orin, Ill. Dates _____

3rd Lamoille, Ill. Dates _____

4th Evansville, Wisc. Dates _____

Grayslake, Ill. → to Rockford

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Princeton, Ill. date 21 Feb. 1933

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Isele June Dickerson Current Residence Rockford

Date of birth June 17, 1909 Place of birth Bradford, Ill.

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____
college _____

Occupation(s)

1st housewife Dates _____

2nd light assembler Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Bradford, Ill Dates _____

2nd Van Orin, Ill Dates _____

3rd Lamoille, Ill. Dates _____

4th Evansville, Wisc. Dates _____

Grayslake, Ill. → to Rockford

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Theodore Johnson Current Residence

Date of birth 24 February 1907 Place of birth Madison County, Ill.

Date of death 4 Sept. 1954 Place of burial Willwood Cemetary

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Farmer Dates 1st Compton, Ill. Dates

2nd Dates 2nd Rockford, Ill. Dates

3rd Dates 3rd Harmon, Ill. Dates

4th Dates 4th Fairdale, Ill. Dates

Rockford, Ill.

Religion

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandmother Edwardsville, Ill. date 14 Jun. 1930

Rockford, Ill. & 9 June 1960 *

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1).

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Iva Ella Koch Current Residence Rockford, Ill.

Date of birth 2 Jan. 1911 Place of birth

Date of death Place of burial

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st waitress Dates 1st Dates

2nd factory worker Dates 2nd Dates

3rd sales clerk Dates 3rd Dates

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandfather Date

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

* details in report

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ Date_____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

HILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

. Name Bernard Lynn Smith
Place of birth Bradford, Ill. date 29 Oct 1935
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation factory worker
Residence Rockford, Marital Status Married
Number of children 3 Death

. Name Nancy Kay Smith
Place of birth Princeton, Ill. date 1940
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Realtor
Residence San Francisco, Ca. Marital Status Married
Number of children 0 Death

. Name Jane Ann Smith
Place of birth Bradford, Ill date 1936
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 2 Death

. Name Beverly Joan Smith
Place of birth Madison, Wisc. date 1944
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation clerical
Residence Seattle, Wa. Marital Status Married
Number of children 0 death

. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Dale Roger Johnson
   Place of birth 8 March 1931 date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation farmer & road construction worker
   Residence * Marital Status Married
   Number of children 4 death _____

2. Name Betty Jane Johnson
   Place of birth _____ date 17 April 1936
   Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Clerical
   Residence Byron, Ill. Marital Status Married
   Number of children 4 death _____

3. Name Norma Lee Johnson
   Place of birth _____ date 3 Oct 1937
   Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Legal Secretary
   Residence Rockford Marital Status Married
   Number of children 3 death _____

4. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

5. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

6. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

7. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

8. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

9. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

10. Name _____
    Place of birth _____ date _____
    Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
    Residence _____ Marital Status _____
    Number of children _____ death _____

* details in report

Your Father

Name Bernard Lynn Smith Current Residence Rockford, Ill.

Date of birth 29 Oct 1935 Place of birth Bradford, Ill.

Date of Death — Place of burial —

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st factory worker Dates ____ 1st Rockford Ill. Dates ____

2nd ____ Dates ____ 2nd ____ Dates ____

3rd ____ Dates ____ 3rd ____ Dates ____

4th ____ Dates ____ 4th ____ Dates ____

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. ____

Place of marriage to your mother Centenial Methodist Rockford, Ill. date 25 May 1957

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Norma Lee ~~[illegible]~~ Johnson Current Residence Rockford, Ill.

Date of birth 3 Oct 1937 Place of birth ____

Date of death — Place of burial —

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st ____ Dates ____ 1st ____ Dates ____

2nd ____ Dates ____ 2nd ____ Dates ____

3rd ____ Dates ____ 3rd ____ Dates ____

4th ____ Dates ____ 4th ____ Dates ____

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. ____

Place of marriage to your father ____ date ____

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your mother_____ Date_____

F-2 Stepmother

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your father_____ date_____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

. Name Barrett Theodore Smith
Place of birth Rockford, Ill Date of birth 10 Nov. 1956
Number of years of schooling currently 13 Occupation ——
Residence Rockford, Ill Marital Status Single
Number of children 0 death ——

. Name Raquel Rene Smith
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth ____
Number of years of schooling Currently 11 Occupation ——
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Single
Number of children 0 death ——

. Name Letechia Lynette Smith
Place of birth Rockford, Ill Date of birth ____
Number of years of schooling currently 9 Occupation ——
Residence Rockford, Ill Marital Status Single
Number of children 0 death ——

. Name ____
Place of birth ____ Date of birth ____
Number of years of schooling ____ Occupation ____
Residence ____ Marital Status ____
Number of children ____ death ____

. Name ____
Place of birth ____ Date of birth ____
Number of years of schooling ____ Occupation ____
Residence ____ Marital Status ____
Number of children ____ death ____

. Name ____
Place of birth ____ Date of birth ____
Number of years of schooling ____ Occupation ____
Residence ____ Marital Status ____
Number of children ____ death ____

7. Name ____
Place of birth ____ Date of birth ____
Number of years of schooling ____ Occupation ____
Residence ____ Marital Status ____
Number of children ____ death ____

3. Name ____
Place of birth ____ Date of birth ____
Number of years of schooling ____ Occupation ____
Residence ____ Marital Status ____
Number of children ____ death ____

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I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford Illinois

Signed Barry Smith

Date ____

Barrett Theodore Smith
Born: 10 Nov 1958
Married:
Died:

Bernard Lynn Smith
Father
B 29 Oct 1935
M
D

Norma Lee Johnson
Mother
B 30 Oct. 1937
D

William Myron Smith
Grandfather
B 5 Dec. 1904
M
D

Essie June Dickerson
Grandmother
B 17 June 1909
D

Theodore Johnson
Grandfather
B 24 Feb. 1907
M
D 4 Sept. 1954

Iva Ella Koch
Grandmother
B 2 Jan 1911
D

B ? 1914 ?
M
D ? 1876 ?

Florence Ray ?
B ? ?
D ? ?

W. W. Dickerson
B ? 1865 ?
M
D ? 1933 ?

Mary Armanda Snell
B ? 1870 ?
D ? 1943 ?

Henry Johnson
B 5 Oct.
M
D

Anna ?
B 3 March
D

Edward C. Koch
B 18 Aug 1868
M 12 Oct 1909
D

Ella Louise Gloss
B 6 Aug 1870
D 30 Dec 1942

Edward Charles Koch

John F. Koch

B 1 March 1864
M 7 Jan. 1890
D 16 Nov. 1960

Magdalena Schuster

B 21 Feb. 1868
D 11 Dec. 1956

LIST OF SOURCES

1. Iva Johnson, Rockford, Ill.
2. My grandmother's Aunt Clara in Bellville, Ill.
3. Myron and Iscle Smith, Rockford, Ill.
4. Bernard and Norma Smith, Rockford, Ill.

If it's possible to depart away from the standard style, I'd like to bring up a few points. I guess this may be called an introduction.

First, I'd like to question objective #3. This objective says to gather genealogical evidence to trace family ties and to examine the progress the family has made. What do you mean by progress?

Do you mean financial progress? Because my dad makes more money than his dad, is that progress? Even if the money isn't worth as much? And, what if my dad can't stand his job, has no time for his family, suffers from ulcers, and will probably die before his time? If that is progress, let it pass by my door please.

Or maybe you mean educational progress. I noticed that my generation has been able to go to school much longer than previous generations. Does this mean that my generation has progressed? Even if the quality of education has diminished noticably? Even if graduating college students know more about the life cycle of an amoeba than their own lives? I seriously believe that this country's colleges are turning out a bunch of highly-educated ninnies.

Perhaps you mean spiritual progress. My dad's generation has built more churches of larger size and more beautiful appointment and for more denominations than my grandparent's generation. Now that sounds like progress. But why do these churches have fewer regular members? And what about the spread of Eastern philosophies and the rising crime rate? Why is this a time of

great disallusionment? (Strictly my opinion of course.) Surely, I just don't know what you mean by progress.

In objective #1 you state that students should be able to consider their own origins by studying their family's background. Now I agree that a family social history is more than just a chart of names, but I thoroughly disagree that finding out about one's ancestors will enable a person to establish "roots". This is a false concept sometimes justified by the allegory: A tree cannot live without roots. How profound! Of course a tree cannot live without roots, but a tree can do quite nicely without its parents' roots. A tree, like a person, must put down its own roots. Sometimes shoots will appear around the base of the parent tree. These are called suckers and are severly hampered in growth by the proximity of the parent.

(An interesting comparison study could be noted here, but not by me, because it's all I can do just to get this *%@#! thing done).

All my thoughts of the objectives of this paper are not negative, however. I think objective #4 (history being made more relevant by considering the impact of public events on members of our own family) is an excellent objective. I always try to put myself in the shoes of the people we are studying to help to explain their actions. I am able to do this more readily when I have a good teacher who can relate history to me, and I do think that you, Mr. Schou, are a teacher who can do this. (Now that I've buttered you up, do I get an "A"?)

Another good objective I got out of this assignment, but one I failed to see mentioned, was the chance or the motiviation to see my relatives and learn about the family history before they died and took the knowledge with them. Not even Jeanne Dixon knows

when someone is going to die. Just the chance to see my relatives at all was good...even my paternal grandmother who rather wishes I wasn't born to this earth. At least I have someone not to model myself after. At least my paternal grandfather, incidentally, was quite pleased to see me and said so. My maternal grandmother, who is alone and needs people even more, had me stay out at her house, doing chores for the nicest part of a Saturday and when the work was finished she answered my questions, fed me a tasty meal, and even baked me an apple pie. If you've ever tasted one of my grandma's apple pies .... my mouth just waters at the thought.

I have to admit, I don't take much stock in a family history. Mainly because my deceased relatives are exactly that --- dead. Trying to relate to dead relatvies is like visiting a gravestone; both being a late attempt. (Like this paper, I might add.) And surely none of my dead relatives can come out of the grave to bake me an apple pie. But they might have had something to do with the recipe, and I guess that's where their importance lies.

At any rate, here are some of the people who share the guilt?/honor? of producing me:

PART I.

A. William Myron SMITH

born: December 5, 1904
in: Bradford, Illinois
died: n/a
buried: n/a

married in Princeton, Illinois on Feb. 21, 1933 to:

B. Iscle June DICKERSON

born: June 17, 1909
in: Bradford, Illinois
died: n/a
buried: n/a

C. Iscle and Myron (he goes by his middle name) met as yound children at school. Later, Iscle moved next door to the farm of Myron's parents. After marriage, he moved around northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin (Bradford, Ill., Van Orrin, Ill., Piskelwa, Ill., Lamoille, Ill., Evansville, Wis., Grayslake, Ill., and Rockford, Ill.) managing farms. In the late 40's and early 50's, Myron was the Supt. of Swine at the well known Chardon Farms in Grayslake, Illinois. In 1947, Chardon Farms purchased the Iowa Grand Champion boar, Tru Mold, for the world's record (of that time) price of $8,500.00. Later, the family moved to Rockford, Illinois with Iscle working at Woodward Governor as a light assembler and Myron managing the Kish-Rock stock farm. Next, they moved into the city and Myron also began working at Woodward Governor as a security guard. After his retirement, Myron has been working various odd jobs. A few of these are: helping at my uncle's (John Sohner) farm, security guard at Rockford Speedway, parking lot supervisor at First National Bank, and mowing lawns. Iscle is kept busy with her hobbies of gardening, ceramics and quilting. They live in their own house on Winthrop Lane, Rockford, Ill. Four children were born to this marriage: Bernard Lynn, Jane Ann, Nancy Kay, Beverly Joan.

D. Bernard Lynn SMITH

born: October 29, 1935
in: Bradford, Illinois
died: n/a
buried: n/a

PART II.

A. John F. KOCH

born: March 1, 1866
in: ?
died: November 16, 1960
buried: ? Belleville, Illinois

married June 7, 1890 to:

B. Magdalena SCHUSTER

born: February 21, 1868
in: ?
died: December 11, 1956
buried: ? Belleville, Illinois

C. John and Magdalena met at a dance where John was a musician. After marriage, John owned a Saloon and Dancehall in Grandforks, Illinois. Later moved to East St. Louis and was employed by the Star Peerless Brewing Co. until he retired at the ripe old age of 80. Their later years lived in Belleville, Illinois. Ten children were born to this marriage: Edward Charles (my great-grandfather), Ella Theresa, Matilda K., Clara R., E. Mollie, Harry John, Fremont Nicholas (who retired from Purina Feed Mill in East St. Louis at 70 years of age and is now employed as a gardener), Irene Wilhelmia (who lived for 16 months), Florence Marie, and Estella E. It is interesting to note that all but two of the children got married and had small families. Edward has the most, with four children. Of the rest, two had two children, two had one child, and three had none. I wonder if this was just a sign of the times or a negative reaction because of too many brothers and sisters.

D. Edward Charles KOCH.

A. Edward Charles KOCH

born: August 18, 1890
in: ?
died: n/a
buried: n/a

married October 12, 1909 to:

B. Ella Louisa GLOSS

born: August 6, 1890
in: ?
died: December 30, 1952
buried: Dixon, Illinois

also married in October 12, 1953 to:

Pheobe BLACKBURN

born: September 17, 1891
in: ?
died: n/a
buried: n/a

C. Edward and Louisa met at a dance. Later they married and had four children: Iva Ella (my grandmother), Earl Edward (he and his wife killed by a drunken driver), Floyd, Wilbur. Edward farmed all his life until age 70. He now lives in a small house built on his farm north of Dixon, Illinois. He has a large garden, a grape arbor and a terrific wine recipe to go with it, and several peacocks and other exotic birds. For his health he gave up smoking about five years ago. After Louisa died, he met Pheobe Blackburn at a picnic on July 4, 1953 and later married her. No children born to this marriage. Pheobe was a cook prior to marriage.

D. Iva Ella KOCH

A. Theodore George JOHNSON

born: February 24, 1907
in: Madison County, Illinois
died: September 4, 1954
buried: Willwood Cemetary, Rockford, Illinois

Married Jan. 14, 1930 in Edwardsville, Illinois to Iva Ella Koch; divorced April, 1949; they remarried on June 9, 1950 in Rockford, Illinois and were again divoced March 13, 1954.

B. Iva Ella KOCH

born: January 2, 1911
in: Madison County, Illinois
died: n/a
buried: n/a

C. Iva and Theodore lived on neighboring farms and that is how they met. This is one case where the two should have shopped around a little farther. This is a touchy subject but from what I can gather, it was this incompatability that lead Theodore to drink (as much as anyone can be lead to drink). Anyway, drink he did. Finally, after his second divorce, the pain (psychologically and in his liver) got to be too much for him. Theordore took his life September 4, 1954. After that, Iva was pretty much on her own. She worked as a waitress, in a factory, and as a sales clerk in various stores. Last year she retired, and is kept busy with her hobbies of gardening, sewing and macrame' and her family. She lives in her own house on Kilburn Avenue in Rockford. Theodore was a farmer his entire life. Three children were borne to the marriage: Dale Roger (who is in hiding from the bill collectors), Betty Jane and Norma Lee.

D. Norma Lee JOHNSON

'ART III.

A. Bernard Lynn SMITH

born: October 29, 1935
in: Bradford, Illinois
died: n/a
buried: n/a

Married May 25, 1957 in Rockford, Illinois in the Centennial Methodist Church to:

B. Norma Lee JOHNSON

born: October 3, 1937
in: Rockford, Illinois
died: n/a
buried: n/a

C. Bernard entered the Naval Reserve during high school and dropped out from high school to join the Navy full time and planned to work for his high school diploma in the service. He discovered too late that the Navy's quota was filled so he went to work at Sundstrand Machine Tool Co. as a machinist. He later went to night classes and obtained his high school diploma. He is still employed at Sundstrand. He met Norma through the 4-H club and through mutual friends. They lived together in a house on Guilford Road for 2 ½ years. Then Bernard (with the help of friends and relatives) built our present house northeast of Rockford. Norma has been employed on and off since high school as a legal secretary until as of late, she is now employed full time for a judge. It is interesting to note the stability now in Bernard's life. After moving around Illinois and Wisconsin as a child, he has been in the same house for seventeen years and at the same job for twenty-four years. Bernard gardens, plays handball, bicycles and bowls. Norma includes macrame, bowling swimming, bicycling and women's softball as her hobbies. Three children were born to this marriage: Barrett Theodore, Raquel Rene Letechia Lynnette.

D. Barrett Theodore SMITH

born: November 10, 1958
in: Rockford, Illinois
died: n/a
buried: n/a

My life? Come on, I ain't dead yet. Well.... I started school in kindergarten at Christ United Methodist Church. Then I went from first through seventh grades at White Swan Elementary School. From there I went to Marsh Middle School for one year.

Next, I attended and graduated from Guilford High School. I am now attending Rock Valley College in body if not in mind. My various part time jobs have included washing dishes, gas station attendant, lawn mower, department store worker, skate guard at Riverview Ice House and locker room attendant at the YMCA. My hobbies include weight lifting, organic gardening, writing, canoeing, hiking, and avoiding homework. From here .....who knows?

Barrett Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith, 4025 Guilford rd., welcomed their first child, a son, on Nov. 10, and have named him Barrett Theodore. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myron Smith, 1511 Winthrop lane, and Mrs. Iva Johnson, 2219 Kilburn ave.

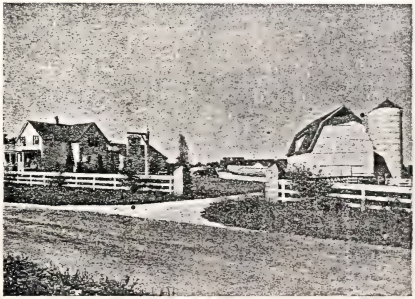
The infant is the fifth living generation on the maternal side of the family, having a great-grandfather, Edward Koch of Dixon, and a great - great - grandfather, John Koch, in Belleville.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN ROCKFORD PAPERS - BORN FROM A FAMILY OF KING LIVERS ... MINE'S GIFT LONG

Chardon Farms

"The Home of Champions"

Bred Gilt Sale



SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1948

GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS

★

ROY A. KROPP, Owner

George Robb
Manager.

Myron Smith
Supt. of Swine.

SALE CATALOG
MY GRANDPA
HELD THE
CHERISHED
TITLE OF
SUPT OF
SWINE

General Information

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LOCATION AND TIME

Sale will be held in a comfortable sale pavilion on Chardon Farm No. 1, located .7 of a mile west of 59A on Peterson road. Peterson road is located by following 59A, 4.8 miles east of Volo or 2.4 miles north of Ivanhoe. (See map on back page).

Sale starts at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT

The famous Swedish Smorgasbord will be served at 12 o'clock in the heated sale pavilion.

REGISTRATION

All gilts are recorded in the Hampshire Swine Registry and certificates will be transferred promptly to purchaser.

GUARANTEE

In accordance with Hampshire Swine Registry's Approved code of fair practice.

IMMUNITY

Every animal has been given double treatment for cholera by a licensed veterinarian and are considered immune for life. Every animal is negative to Bangs test and a certificate will be furnished upon request.

TERMS—Cash.

MAIL BIDS

Send mail bids to any of the fieldmen, auctioneer, or direct to us. All are expert judges and know values. This service is free. Address all mail bids to these men in care of Chardon Farms, Grays Lake, Illinois. Phone Mundelein 699-M I, or Round Lake 2216, at our expense.

SHIPPING

Crates will be furnished for express shipments only, and are to be returned at our expense.

AUCTIONEER

Col. Paul L. Good, Van Wert, Ohio.

FIELDMEN

Dick Hollstein, Hampshire Herdsman, Peoria, Illinois.
Harry Moore, Hog Breeder, Barrington, Illinois.
Merle G. Abrahams, Chicago Daily Drovers Journal, Chicago, Illinois
Lewis Nichols, Big Chief Stock Powder Company, Omaha, Nebraska.

CLERK

Miss Anne Lepper.

Here's what Mr. Walt Briggs thinks of Chardon Farms Hamps

On no other occasion that I can recall, has such wide assortment of top breeding and matings to prominent sires been available in one sale, as will be found in the Chardon Farms offering.

As you look through the pages of this catalog you will discover the names of a dozen or fifteen, perhaps more of the breeds most distinguished boars among the service sires.

At the present time, at practically every sale, the name of Chardon Farms has appeared more often on the clerks books than that of any other. In all cases, their selections have been in the upper bracket of top quality.

Although the name Myron Smith may be new to many of you, he is no novice—he has many years of successful experience in other breeds behind him and he has certainly demonstrated a keen eye for top quality and sense of values in these selections. . Needless to say, the entire breed has benefited amply by this generous support.

It seems certain that Roy Kropp's desire to build a top flight herd at Chardon Farms is well on its way to becoming a reality. This of course means a real contribution to breed progress.

I say, as a gesture of breed welfare as well as of appreciation, lets be on the seats March 6th. In fact it seems to me there should be many who would welcome this opportunity to secure such desirable matings to these top quality gilts.

Indeed opportunity does knock again for those who "missed the boat" in the early sales.

Walt Briggs.

REFERENCE TO MY KEEN-EYED GRANDFATHER

Harry Moore has this to say:—

Chardon Farms will present "The Surprise" offering of the year in this March 6th sale. The offering is one of the finest of the year and in no other sale can you secure gilts mated to so many of the breeds greatest and most famous sires. These service sires might well be classed as "who's who" in the Hampshire Breed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kropp, owners of Chardon Farms, have placed their great Hereford cattle herd high among the great herds of the Nation. Their ambition is that Chardon Hampshires shall occupy a top position among the elite of the breed.

Another new farrowing house, one of the finest in the entire country, will give Chardon Farms the most practical and big scale farrowing units to be found in the industry.

When Mr. Kropp established his great Hereford herd, he employed George Robb as manager. That he secured the right man is best told by results obtained. Today Chardon Herefords are right up among the leaders of the breed.

Myron Smith is manager of the Hampshire herd. He is one of the most expert hog men in the country, a most successful breeder and exhibitor. Over the past twenty years he brought to Chardon Farms the "know how", to place this herd right at the top of the Hampshire breed.

I hope a record crowd will attend this all important sale, it is a sale that will long be remembered as a milestone in the progress of the breed.

Harry Moore.

REFERENCE TO MY GRANDFATHER IN SALE CATALOG (I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE TWENTY YEARS ~~IS IT~~ — HE WAS ONLY THERE ~~FOR~~ ABOUT FIVE YEARS)

HERD BOAR **(For Reference Only)**

Tru Mold 364119

Farrowed March 25, 1946. Litter 11.

Bred by Hillsdale Farm, Brookings, S. D.

Comprest 338339 — Dakota Glory 293237 / Perfect Lady 749536

Flashie Ann 790606 — Farm Bloc 307065 / Flashie Joyce 750948

Tru Mold, the boar of the hour and one that everyone likes. When Fruehauf Farms purchased him he was their choice of all the fine sons of mighty Comprest. Judged by many as the outstanding pig of 1946. Last fall he won Grand Champion Boar at the Iowa State Fair among a class of boars that was outstanding.

Tru Mold was bred to be great. He is sired by the $8,000 Comprest and out of one of Arley Hill's great producing sows by Farm Bloc. Breeders all over the country are familiar with the record of his famous sire Comprest, 1946 Grand Champion of the Illinois State Fair. It is our belief that the breed has produced no greater a boar.

Come out and see the greatest son of this world's record sire, Tru Mold, the boar that we purchased for the world's record price of $9500.

TRU MOLD HAS BETTER BLOOD LINES THAN ME

SMITH, BRADLEY D 1957-

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1. Your name BRAD SMITH
   Date of form 4-3-76

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
   X 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ___ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J. Va.) ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky.) ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.)
   X East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.) ___ Pacific (Cal., Wash.)
   ___ (Hawaii, Alaska) X (Ill., Wisc.,)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   X Farming ___ Mining ___ Shopkeeping or small business
   X Transportation ___ Big Business X Manufacturing
   X Professions ___ Industrial Labor ___ Other _____

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   ___ Roman Catholic ___ Jewish X Presbyterian X Methodist
   ___ Baptist ___ Episcopalian X Congregational ___ Lutheran
   ___ Quaker ___ Mormon ___ Other Protestant ___ Other (name) _____

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   ___ Irish ___ British ___ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian ___ Other (Name) _____

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   X Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Vital Records
   X Photographs X Maps ___ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Earnest David Smith Current Residence Beloit Wisconsin

Date of birth Aug 18, 1902 Place of birth Hanoverton Ohio

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years);
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Salesperson	Dates _____	1st Alliance	Dates 1935
2nd Merchandise Mgr	Dates _____	2nd Beloit	Dates 1938 - present
3rd Store Manager	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.
Red Cross, United Givers Fund, YMCA

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Alliance Ohio date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Lucetta Hazel Benjamin Current Residence Beloit Wisconsin

Date of birth Jan 17, 1904 Place of birth Alliance Ohio

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 2
college 0

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Salesperson	Dates _____	1st _____	Dates _____
2nd Secretary	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.
Red Cross,

Place of marriage to your grandfather Alliance, Ohio date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

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4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Joseph Brown Clark Current Residence

Date of birth May 12, 1886 Place of birth Washington Iowa

Date of death Dec 17, 1971 Place of burial Washington Iowa

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 0 college 9

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st School System Superintendent in Dates 1st Dates

2nd Minister Dates 2nd Dates

3rd Dates 3rd Dates

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandmother date

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Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Cora Louise Kunkel Current Residence —

Date of birth Sept 27 1895 Place of birth Carthage Ill

Date of death Sept 21, 1954 Place of burial Carthage Ill

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 0 college 4

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Teacher Dates 1911-1919 1st Carthage Dates

2nd Dates 2nd Dates

3rd Dates 3rd Dates

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandfather Date

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C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

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4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

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Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ Date_____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

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Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Gerald Everide Smith
Place of birth Alliance Ohio date May 1, 1927
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Sales Manager
Residence Rockford Ill Marital Status Married
Number of children 3 Death

2. Name Norma Jean Bontemps
Place of birth Alliance Ohio date
Number of years of schooling Occupation Housewife
Residence Peoria, Ill Marital Status Married
Number of children 5 Death

3. Name Donald Smith
Place of birth Alliance Ohio date
Number of years of schooling Occupation Lawyer
Residence Madison Wis Marital Status Married
Number of children 3 Death

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Robert Clyde
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling 20 Occupation _____
   Residence Minneapolis, Minn Marital Status married
   Number of children 3 death _____

2. Name Helen Jane Smith
   Place of birth _____ date Jan 1,
   Number of years of schooling 20 Occupation Teacher
   Residence Rickter Ill Marital Status married
   Number of children _____ death _____

3. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

4. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

5. Name _____
   Place of birth _____ date _____
   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
   Residence _____ Marital Status _____
   Number of children _____ death _____

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   Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
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10. Name _____
    Place of birth _____ date _____
    Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
    Residence _____ Marital Status _____
    Number of children _____ death _____

Your Father

Name Gerald Everette Smith Current Residence Rockton Ill

Date of birth May 1, 1927 Place of birth Almond, Ohio

Date of Death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 0 college 4

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Salesperson Dates ~~[illegible]~~ 1st Beloit Dates 1957

2nd Buyer Dates _____ 2nd Rockton Dates 1957-

3rd Merchandise Mgr. Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th Store Manager Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother Beloit date _____

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Your Mother

Name Helen Jane Clyde Current Residence Rockton, Ill

Date of birth Jan 1, 1931 Place of birth Pratt Kansas

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 highschool 4 vocational 0 college 8

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Teacher Dates 1953-57 1st Dubuque Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates 1972-now 2nd Beloit Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd Rockton Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father Beloit date _____

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E-2 Stepfather

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your mother_____ Date_____

F-2 Stepmother

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates___

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates___

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates___

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates___

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

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Place of marriage to your father_____ date_____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

Name Bradley D. Smith
Place of birth Elkhorn Wis Date of birth Feb 1, 1957
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation salesperson
Residence Rockton, Ill Marital Status Single
Number of children 0 death -

Name Ronda Louise Smith
Place of birth Date of birth Sept 23, 1960
Number of years of schooling 9 Occupation -
Residence Rockton, Ill Marital Status Single
Number of children 0 death -

Name Stewart Clyde Smith
Place of birth Date of birth Dec 22, 1963
Number of years of schooling 6 Occupation -
Residence Rockton Ill Marital Status Single
Number of children 0 death -

4. Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

5. Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

6. Name
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Residence Marital Status
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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Signed Bradley D. Smith

Date 4-30-76

Bradley D Smith
Born: 2-1-57
Married:
Died:

Gerald Everette Smith
Father
B 5/1/27
M
D

Helen Jane Clyde
Mother
B 1/1/31
D

Earnest David Smith
Grandfather
B 3/1/1902
M 7/22/26
D

Marjorie Hazel Benjamin
Grandmother
B 1/17/1904
D

Joseph Brown Clyde
Grandfather
B 5/12/1886
M 1919
D 12/17/1971

Cersa Louise Kunkel
Grandmother
B 9/27/1895
D 9/22/1956
M 1919

M 1894
D 1951

Maude L
B 1876
D 1945

Fred Benjamin
B 3/3/1876
M
D 1941

Mary Edith Brown
B 6/4/1868
D 1960

B
M
D

B
D

B
M
D

B
D

The following are the people I interviewed to get the information used in this family history:

1) Natalie Smith

2) Earnest Smith

3) Gerald E. Smith

4) Halen Clyde Smith

The difficult part of finding information on my fathers side of the family, was that my great grandfather, Fred Temple, burned all the family records, including a drum used by his father in the Civil War.

The problem I had on my mothers side, was that she is the only person left from her side of the family, except her brother, and since by Grandfather was almost fifty when he had my mother, she never knew any of her grandparents, so on my mothers side, I could only go back as far as my grandparents.

William L. Smith

William L. Smith was born in 1874, on a small farm outside Alliance, Ohio. He completed school through the eighth grade, and then started working with his father on the families farm.

When William was about twenty, he married a farm girl by the name of Maude L. Temple. Soon later, the young couple moved to the Temple place, to farm it. Through the next twelve years, Maude had five children.

A sixty acre farm just wasn't enough to support a family of seven, so William had to find methods of making extra money. Along with working the sixty acres of farmland, William had a milk route, in which he picked up milk at farms, and took it to the creamery on a mule driven wagon. William also had an agency for a car manufacturing company which made an automobile called the "Bell". The whole family sold vegetables door to door. The Smith family also raised their own buckwheat, shot their meat, had their own milk, and butter, made vinegar, and apple cider, and finally, sold home tapped maple syrup. Although times were rough, William always provided his family with food, and clothing, which made the Smith family luckier than many.

The familied form of entertainment, was getting together in the evening, to form their orchestra. William was an excellent hoedown fiddler, and with one daughter playing an old organ, and his son Earnie on the harmonica, they were able to play most of the popular songs. of the day.

In 1951, William died at the age of seventy six.

Maude L. Temple

Maude L. Temple was born in 1876, on a small farm of sixty acres, just outside of Alliance, Ohio. Maude went to both grade school, and high school in Alliance, and then went to "Finishing School" which was almost unheard of for a girl in those days. After she graduated from "Finishing School," Maude married a farm boy, by the name of William L. Smith.

After they were married, the young couple moved to the Temple farm to work it. During the next twelve years, Maude had five children. She died at the age of sixty nine, in 1945 of diabetes.

Fred Ableem Benjamin

Fred Ableem Benjamin was born on March 3, 1876 near Alliance, Ohio. Against the wishes of his parents, he stayed in school long enough to obtain an eighth grade education, which was much more than the average farm boy got in the late nineteenth century. After graduating from the eighth grade in 1895, Fred got a job working for the railroad, which turned out to be his life time job. After ten years, Fred was promoted to the job of railroad car inspector, a job he held for the rest of his life. This job involved the searching, and checking of every railroad car before they left the train yard, a big job indeed.

Although times were rough, and money was scarce, Fred still scraped enough together to send two out of his three children to college, a notable accomplishment in those days. Allen became a minister, and Gladys eventually became a school teacher.

One of the things that was remembered best about Fred, was his sense of humor. According to Natalie, "Fred could make the darkest days shine."

Fred was a big help to Natalie, especially during the early years of her marriage, when Earnie was working twelve to eighteen hours a day. Fred would come over, and watch the two children, while Natalie would do errands, or just plain relax.

Fred was also known for his skill with tools. Supposedly, he could fix almost anything with a hammer, screwdriver, and a wrench.

Fred died of a stroke in 1941 at the age of sixty five.

Mary Edith Brower

Mary Edith Brower was born on June 4, 1868, on the prairie in Oklahoma. She was number six in a family with nine children, and from the start, was forced to assume much more responsibility than the average child.

At the age of fourteen, Mary, and six of her older brothers took part in the great Kansas Land Rush. The reason Mary went, was to be the cook, cleaner, and in general a pioneer woman at the age of fourteen. Before one could get a deed to the land he claimed, he had to stay on the land at least three weeks. After the kids claimed the land, and obtained a deed for it, Mary's parents, and the small children, joined them. The family proceeded to develop a successful cattle ranch, and oddly enough, a cheese factory also. In 1888, when Mary was twenty, her father was stabbed to death on the steps of the local court house. Shortly thereafter, her mother died. After Mary's mother died, she took the younger children to live with relatives, in Alliance. It was in Alliance that Mary and Fred met, and two years later, in 1891, Mary was married.

Mary was very religious, and spent her life involving herself with the church. Mary directed literally hundreds of religious plays in the church, to help the young get involved in the church, along with going to church two to three times a week.

Mary was an immaculate housekeeper. Some of her grandson's best memories, were spending the night at Grandma Bennies.

After Fred died in 1941, Mary supported herself for nineteen years, be renting out rooms in her home to boarders. At the age of 81, in 1960, Mary had a massive stroke, and died.

Earnest David Smith

Earnest David Smith was born on August 1, 1902, on a small farm of sixty eight acres, in Columbian county, Ohio. Born the fourth of five children, Earnest from childhood was a hardworking, dedicated person.

Earnest attended a one room grade school named Buzzard's Glory, to which he walked one and one half miles every day. After grade school, Earnest attended a one room high school in Hanoverton, which was three miles from his home. This was a two year high school, so in 1918, at the age of sixteen, Earnest graduated from high school.

After graduation, Earnest went to work for a farmer. For $30.00 a month, he worked from sunup to sundown, six days a week. There were no tractors, or combines, so all the work was done by hand, a terribly exhausting job indeed.

In 1920, at eighteen, Earnest went to Alliance, which was thirty miles away, to work at a department store named Sammy and Cowen's, as a salesperson. A few months later, at the age of nineteen, Earnest became the manager of a grocery store. After working there for a while, he realized that there wasn't any future in the grocery business, so he quit, and went to work for the Spring Holzwarth department store. Earnest started out as a floorwalker, and soon was promoted to a position that was in charge of all window trimming, and advertising. He had a natural talent for laying out window displays, and ads. Earnest won a couple awards for his work.

Right about then, Earnest met a beautiful young woman by the name of Natalie Benjamin. On July 22, 1926, there were married.

Soon later, Earnest got another promotion: to Merchandise manager.

In 1929, Marshall Fields bought the store. By the time two general managers had come and gone, Earnest decided he was qualified well enough to take over as store manager. He spent three days composing a letter, which finally was sent to Marshall Fields general office, asking for the job. The reply Earnest got, was to go ahead, and take charge of the store. He held this job until 1938, when Marshall Fields sold the store to two private buyers. Naturally, they would run the store, so unless Earnest wanted to go back to being a salesman, he had to find another job.

Earnest heard of a job opening in Beloit, Wisconsin, in a very large department story named McNeaneys. After first writing, and then going to Beloit for a personal interview, Earnest got the job as merchandise manager of the first floor. He left for Beloit alone in January, with the rest of the family following him in March.

Earnest was soon promoted to general merchandise manager, and then in 1949 was promoted to general store manager, to be followed finally, by being named vice president.

Besides working terribly long and hard hours at McNeaneys, Earnest was very active in civic, and social services. For years, he was president of the Retail Division of the Association of Commerce. He also was very actively involved with the Y.M.C.A. For years, he served on the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A., and was president for several years in that time.

In 1943, Earnest formed a committee that planned and finally opened a student center for the youth of Beloit. He also was named president of the youth center, a position he held until 1947.

Another brainstorm of Earnest's, was the formation of the downtown council of Beloit. This brought the merchants of downtown together, to talk about new ways of attracting new customers, and new businesses to the

downtown area. It was the first organization which brought competitors together to cooperate with each other to improve the downtown. Earnest was president of this organization.

He also was on the board of directors of the Beloit Chapter of the Red Cross. For three years, Earnest held the position of fund chairman, and each of those three years, his campaign went over the top.

During World War II, Earnest was in the Wisconsin State Guard. His company drilled every weekend, without pay. The company guarded The Ashland docks for fifteen days, during a time when these docks were handling 90% of all our steel. By the end of the war, Earnest had been promoted to Lieutenant.

One of the most demanding civic positions Earnest held, was on the United Givers Board. Once a year, the board had to listen to, and go over the budget of every organization in the Beloit area that was, or wanted to receive aid: A tremendous amount of work.

On February 8, 1956, Earnest was named Man of the Year, by the Jaycees, for leadership in Beloit civic organizations for two decades.

For entertainment, Earnest golfs in the summer, and bowls in the winter. His flower gardens are the envy of the neighborhood, and one never, or almost never finds a weed on his lawn.

Earnest's rise from farm helper to general store manager and vice president of the biggest department store in Beloit, without a college education, should be a feat remembered, and used as a model to follow by every member of the Smith family.

Natalie Hazel Benjamin

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Natalie then entered Alliance High School, where she devoted most of her time taking the courses needed to qualify herself as a secretary. Natalie excelled in High School, with the exception of Algebra. Therefore, to get around the dreaded Algebra assignments, she exchanged algebra for English papers. Even though her major emphasis in high school was toward secretarial skills, Natalie had so much talent in English, that her teacher urged her to go into the profession of writing. However, with jobs as scarce as they were at that time, and the fact that good secretaries were in demand, Natalie stuck with her ambition to be a secretary.

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station was packed with soldiers waiting for a train which would take them to boot camp. A young enlistee gave up his seat for Natalie, and in the process, struck up a conversation with her, that ended up lasting a couple of hours. Just before boarding their respective trains, Natalie, and the soldier (whose name was Francis Koderick), exchanged addresses, and promised to write. For four months received, and wrote letters to Francis on a regular basis. All the letters Natalie received, and wrote, were of course read by her mother. Abruptly, letters stopped coming from Francis. Letter after frantic letter, received no response. A few weeks later, a heart-broken Natalie, read in the papers of a terrible flu epidemic, which swept through Fort Sheriton, where Francis was stationed, that killed hundreds of young men in basic training. After getting no reply to any of her letters, Natalie had to accept the probable fact that Francis had died in boot camp of flu. Natalie always remembered this, and will always be sad, because to this day, she has never received another letter from Francis Koderick.

Another vivid memory Natalie has from the years of World War I, was walking to the local newspaper office every morning to watch the daily posting of the death list. According to Natalie, "every morning I died a little, as I looked down that list for my brothers name." Luckily, Allen survived the war, and eventually made it back to Alliance, Ohio.

Another responsibility Natalie had during World War I, was to stand in the bread, and sugar lines. This sometimes involved staying in line for hours at a time, but since food was so short, it was just a necessary daily chore.

The social life in the 1920's was tamer than todays, but very satisfactory for Natalie. The only times that Natalie could date, were Friday night,

and Sunday afternoon. Friday night dates usually meant a school dance, or some church sponsored event. Sunday afternoons were spent in the park rowing, walking, and just plain talking. It was during these lazy Sunday afternoons, that most of the old pictures of Natalie were taken. Early Sunday evening, Natalie and her friends would attend meetings of the Epers Club, a church sponsored youth organization. After this, the young ladies and gentlemen would go to Natalie's home to pass the evening singing, and playing the piano. All this might seem strange, but it must be remembered that until then, Natalie's family neither had a car, or access to a car. Natalie's quote explains the situation better than anything else: "There wasn't anything else to do."

After she graduated in 1922, Natalie immediately went to work as a cashier in a local department store, and using the money from her job, to go to vocational school, at night. It was when she was working at this department store, that Natalie met a handsome young lad by the name of Earnie Smith. Soon Earnie and Natalie were going steady.

After two years of night school, Natalie got a job as secretary for the McKaskey-Register Company, which made books that were used in record keeping. Natalie held this job until July 22, 1926, when she became Mrs. Earnest D. Smith.

Ten months later, on May 1, 1927, Natalie had her first child, a boy, named Gerald Everette. A second baby, a girl, named Norma Jean followed two years later, and three years later, in 1932, their third child, a boy named Don was born completing their family at five strong.

During the depression, life was hard for the young Smith family. But at least Earnie was able to keep his job while many of his friends were out of their jobs, out of money, and out of food. To give an idea of how

hard things were, Earnie made $27.50 a month. Rent was $25.00 a month, so that left $2.50 for all of the other expenses the family had during the month.

In 1938, Earnie got a chance to become the manager of the first floor of a large department store. The only catch was that the department store was three states away, in Beloit, Wisconsin. Earnie left alone for Beloit, to get settled, and to find a place for his family to stay. A few months later, Natalie, and the children were ready to come to Beloit. At 7:30, one cold spring morning, Natalie gathered up her three children, ages 6,9, 11, and boarded a train due in Chicago at 6:00. However, the train didn't arrive until 6:30, so to Natalie's dismay they missed the last train to Beloit. After almost giving up, the trainmaster informed her that a bus left for Beloit in ten minutes, but the bus depot was twelve miles away. Before Natalie could even think, a stranger stepped out of the crowd, grabbed her bags, and herded the kids toward a taxi. He jumped in the cab with Natalie, and the kids, and offered the taxi driver extra money, if he could get the Smiths to the bus station in time. After driving sixty miles an hour through downtown Chicago, the family arrived in time to jump on the bus, without even paying for tickets. When the tired family finally got home, gave Earnie an explanation of their being late, they were ready for bed.

After getting settled in her new home, and town, Natalie started getting herself involved in many social organizations, especially during World War II. During World War II, Natalie drove a bus, picking up draftees, and taking them to the train station. She also did paper work in the office of the Red Cross, along with serving on the Beloit "War Board." This board determined who should receive how much food, and how often. These

decisions were based on statements each family was required to make periodically, on how much food they had on hand in the household. Natalie also underwent extensive training in First Aid, because of her job of bus driver. She was involved in all these organizations, yet still had to make time to be a mother, wife, and housewife. Needless to say, during World War II, Natalie had very little time to herself.

After World War II, Natalie enrolled in a vocational school, taking courses in rosemauling. Eventually, after the urging of an instructor, Natalie took a course in ceramics, and found her true love, in the area of art. Before long, Natalie had her own kiln, and finally started buying her own molds, and pouring the hot ceramic material. At that time, relatives homes started to be found displaying stunning ceramic pieces, which were all baked, and meticulously painted by an ambitious Natalie. Christmas was always a special joy because of Natalies beautiful, and stunningly realistic decorations, that she spent months preparing for the yule season.

Another favorite pastime of Natalie's, was the construction of Christmas wreaths. These were always proudly displayed with honor, for it was impossible to buy anything like them in a store.

Natalie also was an active member of the Fine Arts Club for twenty five years, which involved the study of all art forms, both great and small.

The last, buy perhaps the most important organization Natalie has been involved in, is her church. Ever since youth, Natalie has been a faithful church goer. She also has helped with youth organizations, and many church boards, and organizations.

In 1971, Natalie suffered a broken knee, which resulted from a terrible fall down the stairs. Even though she was told she might never

walk again, Natalie did not give up hope. After months of tremendously painful therapy, Natalie was finally able to walk with the help of first a walker, and then a single crutch. When she was almost able to walk unassisted, Natalie suffered another fall, and broke her hip. This involved another painful, and slow recovery.

Today, after these two horrible accidents, if you go to 1218 Hinsdale Avenue in Beloit, one might find Natalie cooking supper, or maybe doing the dishes, and walking without any aid whatsoever. Although I know her leg gives Natalie unbelievable pain, she is always waiting with a smile, and ready for a joke. I consider myself extremely lucky to have a relative with such great courage, and can only hope that some of it will rub off on me.

Joseph Brown Clyde

Joseph Brown Clyde, was born on May 12, 1886, in Washington, Iowa. He went to grade school, and high school both in Washington.

An event which effected Joseph for the rest of his life, occurred when he was eleven years old. Joseph's older brother, who was eighteen, drowned in the local swimming hole. From that day on, Joseph was expected to be a perfect child, and was supposed to "be as good as his brother was."

Joseph was the president of his senior class; the class of 1905. After graduating from high school, Joseph went on to the University of Iowa. In 1909, he received his B.A. in psychology, and In 1915, received his masters degree.

After Joseph finished college, he went into school administration. His first job was in Yarmauth, Iowa, where he was the superintendent of the school district. It was in Yarmauth, that Joseph met a principal of one of his schools, by the name of Cora Kunkel. In 1920, Joseph and Cora were married.

In 1928, Cora had her first child, a boy, by the name of Robert. Three years later, a second child named Helen, was born.

In 1938 Joseph quit his job, and decided to go into the ministry. His first church was in Freemout, Iowa. His second was in Marion, Iowa: his third was a country church near Marion, Iowa: his fourth was in Parkersburg: his fifth was in Nashua, and his final church was in Rock Falls, Illinois. In 1955, Joseph retired, and moved back to Washington. A year later on September 21, 1956, Cora died of cancer.

Joseph always loved to tinker with, and fix things himself. A good example of this is the fact that he spent his seventy fifth birthday on the roof of his house fixing a leak.

Before he had entered the ministry, Joseph had bought three small homes. The rent he got from these let him live out his life comfortably.

Joseph placed his values not on earning money, but in intellectual gain. He spent hours at a time in the library, just reading.

One strange thing about Joseph, was that he never learned to drive a car, but since his wife knew how, this caused no trouble. Once, his daughter Helen tried to teach him to drive, but the first thing Joseph did was to shoot the car out of the driveway, and across to the other side of the road. Needless to say, this was the last drivers lesson Joseph took.

Joseph was always friendly with everyone. He loved to spend time just talking with people on an informal basis. Joseph could always walk up to a perfect stranger, and with the greatest of ease, strike up a conversation.

On December 17, 1971, Joseph suffered a sudden stroke, and died at the age of eighty five.

Cora Louise Kunkel

Cora Louise Kunkel was born on September 27, 1895, on a farm three miles outside of Carthage, Illinois. Cora attended both high school, and grade school, in Carthage. Since she was an extremely bright pupil, Cora was able to graduate from high school at the age of sixteen. This same year, her father sold their farm, and bought another one just outside of Carthage, so Cora, and her sister could go to Carthage College. In 1911, Cora graduated from Carthage with a B.A. in Latin.

Soon afterward, she started teaching Latin, English, and Math, in a small country school. Cora was paid $40.00 a month, and was required to room with a resident in the school district she taught in. Remembered as a brilliant scholar, Cora had the ability to remember almost everything she learned. She valued highly, academic excellance.

At the age of twenty four, Cora married her superintendent, Joseph B. Clyde. Since married teachers were unheard of in those days, and just simply not allowed, Cora was forced to quit teaching. In 1932, she had her first child, a boy named Robert. Then three years later Cora had her second, a girl, named Helen Jane.

Cora was involved in many church organizations, and activities and was remembered as cheerful, polite, and having a sense of humor.

In 1955, at the age of sixty, Cora died of cancer.

Helen Jane Clyde

Helen Jane Clyde was born on January 1, 1931, in Pratt, Kansas, to all the hard times that go with being a preacher's daughter during a depression. Soon after her birth, the Clyde family moved to University Park, Iowa. There, Helen started school. From her earliest school years, Helen was identified as a very bright student, who always worked hard, and received high grades. Much of this of course can be attributed to her parents, both of which, put high value on intellectual gain. After a year at University Park, the family moved to Freeman, Iowa.

All through her childhood, Helen was constantly moving from town to town, as her father was transferred from church to church. This, of course, was very hard on Helen, because she was always on the move, and never was able to really settle down, and establish friends. The longest the Clyde family stayed in one place, was four years in Marion, Iowa.

At the age of nine, Helen started taking piano lessons, which led to an avid interest in music, which proved to be one of the most important things in her life.

Meanwhile, the family continued its moves: from town to town, and from state to state. Helen graduated from high school in 1948 in Nashua, in a class of 42. An interesting point is that when her graduating high school class got together for their tenth year reunion, Helen was one of just two people of the class to graduate from college.

After graduating from high school, Helen entered the University of Dubuque, majoring in Elementary education. There, in her boyfriend's car, she met a young man by the name of Gerald Smith. Soon later she was going steady with him. In 1951, they were married, and had moved to Beloit, Wisconsin.

In those days, one could teach without a degree, so Helen taught at Gaston Grade School for the sum of $2,850.00/year. While she was teaching, Helen worked on her degree by going to night school, and finally received it in 1954. During these times, the young couple lived simply: and through this, were able to save enough for a down payment on a house in Rockton. About this time, their adoption finally came through, and the young couple took custody of a six month old boy by the name of Bradley.

After moving to Rockton, Helen quit her teaching job to give more time for the care of her baby. She then started teaching piano lessons, which provided a supplementary income which was perfect, for Helen still had time for her baby, and her husband. This was even more important, when in 1960, Helen and Jerry adopted a girl named Rondi, and then adopted another boy named Stewart, in 1963.

In 1970, Helen went back to school at Northern Illinois University, where after five years of commuting at night for classes, she received her masters degree in Special Education.

Now, one will find Helen dividing her time between a full time job teaching, working for the United Way, and keeping her family fed, clothed, and happy.

Gerald Everette Smith

Gerald Everette Smith was born on May 1, 1927, in his grandmothers home in Alliance, Ohio. The first major event in his life, occured when he was in the second grade, and caught scarlet fever. Gerald was in bed from before Christmas, to after Easter, and also was under quarantine for all those months. Because he missed so much school, Gerald was forced to miss a year in school.

When Gerald was eleven, his family moved to Beloit, Wisconsin. He remembered expecting to see cowboys and Indians in what Gerald thought was the wild, wild west.

In high school, Gerald participated in the rifle team, the concert band, R.O.T.C., and track. Along with all those school activities, Gerald found time to be in a jazz band. The members of the band would rent out a dance hall with their own money, play for it, and hopefully come out ahead!

In August of 1945, the summer before his senior year in high school, Gerald was drafted. What made a bad memory bitter, was the ironic fact that the war ended ten days after he was drafted. Gerald was permanently assigned to the medical division in Fort Sheridon. He was in the separation center, where he was in charge of the Dental Division: men who assisted dentists, who examined every veteran returning through Fort Sheridon. Nineteen months later, Gerald received an honorable discharge as a corporal T-5.

After returning to Beloit, Gerald went to vocational school, and earned his high school diploma, after which, in 1947, he entered the University of Dubuque. Gerald lived off campus with seven other freshmen, in what he describes as their own little club. Gerald joined another jazz band, and

played with it once or twice a week for proms, wedding receptions, and dances. He also was in the schools concert band, where he was often featured as trombone soloist. Along with all this, Gerald worked fifteen to twenty hours a week in a local department store.

In 1948, Gerald met a pretty young lady by the name of Helen Clyde, in his best friend's car, on the way to school. Soon later, they had their first date, at "The Goat," a malt shop in Dubuque.

Gerald graduated in May of 1951, with a B.A. in psychology. Three months later, Gerald and Helen were married. The young couple then moved to Beloit, where Gerald found a job as assistant manager of the first floor of MacNeaney's department store. Six years later, he was promoted to buyer. By the time Gerald left MacNeaney's in 1960, Gerald was the buyer for men's wear, boy's wear, luggage, china, glassware, and small appliances; a big job indeed.

Gerald then started working for Weise's new Northtown store as assistant manager. A few years later, he was promoted to buyer for men's and boy's wear. Then he was promoted to Merchandise Manager, and then finally, just a few months ago, was promoted to General Store Manager of Weise's North Town Store.

Bradley David Smith

On February 1, 1957, Bradley David Smith was born in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Upon birth, Bradley was placed in an adoption agency to wait for a set of parents. On April 17, 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Smith legally adopted Bradley.

When Bradley was one year old, the young Smith family moved to 718 E. Franklin Street, in Rockton. Bradley entered Rockton Grade School at the age of six, in 1963. In grade school, Bradley's sole interest was his trumpet. After starting lessons in the fourth grade, he was "hooked." Bradley rapidly advanced from the Kadet band to the concert band, where by the time he was in seventh grade, was first chair trumpet. Bradley was lucky to have a good band director by the name of Jerry Hawethorne. Mr. Hawethorne developed the Rockton Grade School Band into one of the finest in the state. They performed all over the state for mainly college students training to be school band directors.

When Bradley entered High school, he decided to go out for football. He was a little scared, since he hadn't participated in sports in grade school, but he got through the season without any injuries. Meanwhile Bradley was also in the High School Concert band, and the High School Marching Band also. His sophomore year in high school went about the same as his first year went, except he earned a starting position as guard on the football team. Also, Bradley was in his first play that year. He had a minor part in the musical "Bye Bye Birdie."

Bradley didn't go out for football his Junior year, but decided to try wrestling. By the end of the season, he was wrestling varsity. He also had parts in both plays that year: as Chet Pussey, in "Deadwood Dick,"

and as a knight in "Camelot." During his Senior year, Bradley didn't go out for wrestling, but decided to give all of his time to the theatre. The highlight of Bradley's involvement occurred when he played the part of Bill Sykes, in the musical "Oliver." His senior year, Bradley was named an Illinois State Scholar, and also was accepted into the International Thespian Society. He graduated in June of 1975, and is going to Rock Valley College working toward pre-veterinary medicine.

SMITH, DONALD EUGENE, 1935-

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   Date of form March 29, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

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   X Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name William Homer Smith Current Residence deceased
If dead, date of death Oct. 25, 1947

Place of birth Ridgway, Illinois Date of Birth Feb. 25, 1880

Education (number of years):
grade school 6 high school x vocational x college x

Occupation(s) Carpenter & Brick Mason

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Pentecostal

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Ridgway, Illinois date May 1905

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Leora M. Vickery Current Residence deceased
If dead, date of death June 14, 1965

Place of birth Ridgway, Illinois Date of birth June 7, 1884

Education (number of years):
grade school x high school n/a vocational n/a college n/a

Occupation(s) Housewife

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Pentecostal

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandfather Ridgway, Illinois DATE May 1905

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Date _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Eugene Franklin Miller Current Residence deceased
If dead, date of death Jan 21, 1956

Place of birth Newburgh, Indiana Date of birth Feb. 2, 1885
Education (number of years):
grade school 6 high school n/a vocational n/a college n/a

Occupation(s) Coal Miner

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Linton, Indiana (Miner) Dates 1900 1st Linton, Indiana Dates 1900
2nd U.S. ARMY Dates 1905-1908 2nd Southern U.S. & Cuba Dates 1905-08
3rd Eldorado, Illinois (Miner) Dates 1909 3rd Eldorado, Illinois Dates 1909
4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Pentecostal
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat
Odd Fellows and Masons
Place of marriage to your grandmother Shawneetown, Illinois date Jan 7, 1910
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Beulah Dudley Current Residence Harrisburg, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Hamilton County, Illinois Date of birth Aug. 4, 1892
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school n/a vocational n/a college n/a

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st Housewife Dates 1910 1st Eldorado, Illinois Dates 1900
2nd Dates 2nd Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion Pentecostal
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandfather Shawneetown, Illinois date Jan 7, 1910
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Herschel Smith
Place of birth Ridgway, Illinois date Aug. 14, 1910
Number of years of schooling Seven (7) Occupation Auto Mechanic
Residence Eldorado, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

Name Gladys Smith
Place of birth Ridgway, Illinois date unknown
Number of years of schooling unk Occupation
Residence unk Marital Status unk
Number of children unk

Name Pearl Smith Ingleton
Place of birth Ridgway, Illinois date July 16, 1908
Number of years of schooling unknown Occupation Telephone Operator
Residence Ridgway, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

Name Charles Homer Smith
Place of birth Ridgway, Illinois date Aug. 27, 1910
Number of years of schooling unknown Occupation Carpenter
Residence deceased Marital Status married
Number of children 3

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Frankie Louise Miller
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois date Aug. 14, 1917
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Medical Records Clerk
Residence McLeansboro, Illinois Marital Status Divorced
Number of children 3

2. Name Olive Emma Miller Clair
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois date Mar. 21, 1911
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Beautician
Residence Mt. Pleasant, Texas Marital Status Married
Number of children 5

3. Name Ruby Miller
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois date Oct. 10, 1912
Number of years of schooling unknown Occupation n/a
Residence deceased Marital Status n/a
Number of children n/a

4. Name Regina Merle Miller Murphy
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois date July 15, 1914
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife
Residence Kannapolis, North Carolina Marital Status married
Number of children 4

5. Name William Raymond Miller
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois date Sept. 12, 1919
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation owner dry cleaning bus
Residence Fresno, California Marital Status married
Number of children 2

6. Name LaWanda Lou Miller Purcell
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois date Oct. 10, 1927
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife
Residence Baltimore, Maryland Marital Status married
Number of children 2

7. Name Barbara Lee Miller (still born)
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name Edward Eugene Miller
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois date Sept. 12, 1934
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Hospital Administrati
Residence Harrisburg, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children n/a

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Herschel Smith Current Residence Eldorado, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Ridgway, Illinois Date of birth Aug. 14, 1916
Education (number of years)
grade school 7 high school n/a vocational n/a college n/a

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Auto Mechanic	Dates 1919		1st Sikeston, Missouri	Dates 1933-1942
2nd U.S. Army Pilot	Dates 1939-1946		2nd Various military bases	Dates 1942-1946
3rd	Dates		3rd	Dates
4th	Dates		4th	Dates

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat--
Masons (Past Master), American Legion (Past Commander), Veterans of Foreign Wars

Place of marriage to your mother Eldorado, Illinois date Nov. 30, 1933
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Frankie Louise Miller Current Residence McLeansboro, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois Date of birth Aug. 14, 1917
Education (number of years)
grade school 12 high school n/a vocational n/a college n/a

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st clerk/typist	Dates 1933-1939		1st Ridgway, Illinois	Dates 1933-1939
2nd War Plant	Dates 1939-1942		2nd Sikeston, Missouri	Dates 1939-1942
3rd Medical Records Clerk	Dates 1957-present		3rd Eldorado, Illinois	Dates 1942-1943
			4th Indianapolis, Indiana	Dates 1943-1946

Religion Pentescostal
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

Place of marriage to your father Eldorado, Illinois date Nov. 30, 1933
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

HILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Donald Eugene Smith
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois Date of birth July 13, 1935
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Air Traffic Control Spec.
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 1

Name Gerald Keith Smith
Place of birth Sikeston, Missouri Date of birth Jan 25, 1942
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Electrical Engineer
Residence Los Angeles, California Marital Status married
Number of children none

Name John Edward Smith
Place of birth Eldorado, Illinois Date of birth Apr. 7, 1949
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Management--UPS
Residence Decatur, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children none

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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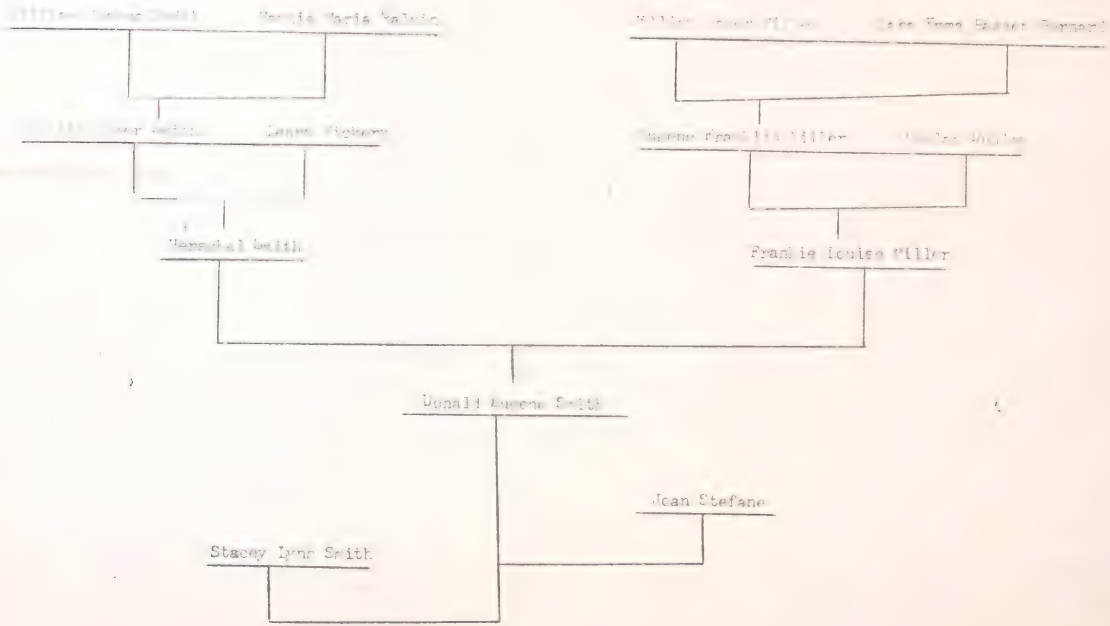
Frankie Louise Miller
Donald Eugene Smith
Joan Stefane
Stacey Lynn Smith

SOURCES:

The Family Bible

Mrs. Frankie Clark, Mother

Mrs. Buleah Miller, Grandmother

Mr. Herschel Smith, Father

1. Smith

2. Fraternal Great Grandfather; William Joshua Smith

3. Born; Jan. 20th 1850 in Cumberland, Tennessee

4. Occupation; Blacksmith

5. Political Party; Democrat

6. Children;

A. Fannie Smith

Married John Riley of Riegway, Illinois

B. Felix Smith

Lived and died in Ridgway, Illinois

C. Calvin Smith

Born in Ridgway and later moved to Ohio

D. Andrew Smith

Born and died in Ridgway, Illinois

E. William Homer Smith

Born and died in Ridgway, Illinois

F. Henry Smith

Born in Ridgway, Il. and died in Shawneetown, Illinois

1. Smith

2. Fraternal Grandfather; William Homer Smith

3. Born; Feb. 25, 1880 in Ridgway, Illinois.

4. Died; Oct. 25, 1947 in Ridgway, Illinois

5. Married; Ula Johnston, died in childbirth; 2nd wife--Leora M. Vickery

6. Burial; Ridgway, Illinois

7. Education; Very limited but unknown exactely how much

8. Occupation; Carpenter and Brick Mason

9. Religion; Pentecostal

10. Political Party; Democrat

11. Organizations;Masons

12. Leisure Time; Sports, Hunting, Fishing, Making and Drinking Home Brew

13. Travel; Very Little--usually less than 50 miles which took several days

14. Children;

    A. Gladys Smith(Mother died in childbirth)

       Resident of Shawneetown, Illinois

    B. Pearl Smith

       Born--July 16,1908, Ridgway, Illinois

       Resident of Ridgway, Illinois

       Grade school education

       Housewife and Telephone Operator

       Married Claude Ingleton, Truck Driver

       Three children--all girls--Joy, Shirley, and Lee

    C. Charles Homer Smith

       Born--Aug. 27, 1910, Ridgway, Illinois

       Grade school education

       Carpenter and Veteran of World War II

       Democrat

       Married Ruth Roe who died about 2 years later

Died-- Aug. 29, 1949 at Veteran's Hospital

in Marion, Illinois from Combat Wounds

Buried in Ridgway, Illinois

One child; Evelyn who was raised by her fraternal

grandparents

D. Herschel Smith

Born--Aug. 14, 1912 in Ridgway, Illinois

7th grade education

Auto Mechanic and World War II veteran(Student Pilot

Instructor and Ferry Command Pilot)

Democrat

Married Frnakie Louise Miller Nov. 30, 1933

Three Children--all boys--Donald, Gerald and John

Resident of Eldorado, Illinois (Retired)

1. Smith

2. Fraternal Grandmother; Leora M. Vickery

3. Born; June 7, 1888

4. Died; June 14, 1965

5. Burial; Ridgway, Illinois

6. Education; No formal education

7. Married; William Homer Smith

8. Father; Charles Vickery whose occupation was Surveyor

9. Mother; Amanda Vickery(No further information could be found on Leora or her parents.

1. Dudley

2. Maternal Great Grandfather; William Dudley

3. Born; Aug. 4, 1852

4. Died; Mar. 14, 1895

5. Burial; Hickory Hill (Southern Ill.)

6. Children;

A. Willie Flora Johnson

Born--July 15, 1864

Died--May 3, 1902 Tuberculosis

Buried at Hebron, Il.

B. William R. Dudley

Born--May 28, 1888

Died--Jan 7, 1889

C. Rannel Dudley

Born--July 18, 1890

Died--Mar. 3, 1891

d. Beulah Dudley

Born--Aug. 4, 1892

1. Miller

2. Maternal Great Grandfather; William Tabor Miller

3. Born; 1860 in Hartford, Ky.

4. Burial; Linton, Ind.

5. Married; Sara Emma Basden Bernard

6. Lived in Beaver Dam, Ky.

1. Miller
2. Maternal Ghost Gravitation; [illegible]
3. Bauer; 1960 in Westford, [illegible].
4. Gerald; Clinton, Inc.
5. Morrison; Sara Sons [illegible]
6. Lived in Beaver Dam, [illegible].

1. Miller

2. Maternal Grandfather; Eugene Franklin Miller

3. Born; Feb 2, 1885 at Newburgh, Indiana

4. Died; Jan 21, 1956 at Eldorado, Illinois

5. Burial; Wolf Creek Cemetary, Eldorado, Illinois

6. Married; Beulah Dudley, Jan 7, 1910

7. Education; 6th Grade

8. Occupation; Coal Miner

9. Religion; Pentecostal

10. Political Party; Democrat

11. Organizations; Officer in Odd fellows and Masons

12. Leisure Time; Gardening, hunting and fishing

13. Travel; California after retiring and travel in U.S. Army

14. Children;

A. Olive Emma Miller

Born--Mar. 21, 1911 at Eldorado, Il.

High school education

Beauty Operator and housewife

Married William Reid, Promoter

Resident of Mt. Pleasant , Texas

Three children--Jack, Rebecca, and Roselyn

B. Ruby Miller

Born--Oct. 10, 1912

Died--Apr. 30, 1923

C. Regina Merle Miller

Born--July 15, 1914

Housewife

Married Welborn Murphy

Resident of Kannapolis, North Carolina

Four Children--Richard, Jeanne, Danie', Christine

High school education

D. Frankie Louise Miller

Born;--Aug. 14, 1917

High school education

Married Herschel Smith, Nov. 30, 1933

Three children--Donald, Gerald and John

E. William Raymond Miller

Born--Sept. 12, 1919

High school education

Married Margie Lane Fe. 6, 1940

Owner of Dry Cleaning Business and WWII veteran

Three children--Lana, Gary and one stillborn

F. LaWanda Lou Miller

Born--Oct. 10, 1927

High school education

Married Walter Purcell

Three children--Wanda, Janice and Carolyn

Resident of Maryland

G. Barbara Lee

Born--Sept. 19, 1926(stillborn)

H. Edward Eugene Miller

Born--Apr. 15, 1934

High school education

Single

Hospital Administrator

Resident of Harrisburg, Illinois

1. Miller

2. Maternal Grandmother; Beulah Dudley

3. Born; Aug. 4, 1892 in Hamilton County, Illinois

4. Married; Eugene F. Miller Jan. 7, 1910 at Harrisburg, Illinois

5. Education; 8th Grade due to lack of money

6. Occupation; Housewife

7. Political Party; Democrat

8. Leisure Time; Sewing, crocheting, etc.

9. Travel; Across U.S. from California to Maryland visiting children

10. Children; 8 listed under Eugene F. Miller

11. Religion; Pentecostal

12. Resident; Harrisburg, Illinois

1. Smith

2. Father; Herschel Smith

3. Born; Aug. 14, 1912

4. Education; 7th Grade

5. Occupation; Auto Mechanic and Pilot

6. Political Party; Democrat

7. Organizations; Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Masons(Past Master)

8. Leisure Time; Hunting, fishing, flying, and reading

9. Married; Frankie Louise Miller, Nov. 30, 1933

10. Military Service; 1942 Civilian Pilot Instructor with Missouri Institute of Aeronautics attached to the U.S. Army, 1943-1946 U.S. Army Air Corps Air Transport Command

11. Travel; Extensive with Military both U.S. and Central America

12. Children;

A. Donald E. Smith (see personal data sheet)

B. Gerald Keith Smith

Born-- Jan 25, 1943 in Sikeston, Missouri

Education--High school in Eldorado, Ill.,College in California Northrup Polytechnical Institute, degree in Electrical Engineering

Married Joan Baxter

Military Service--Four years in U.S. Air Force

No children

C. John Edward Smith

Born--Apr. 7, 1949 at Eldorado, Ill.

Education--High School at Eldorado, Ill. College at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Ill. Degree in Business Administration

Married--Jenny Lane, June 1972

1. Smith

2. Federal Personnel Smith

3. Born: Aug. 16, 1923

4. Connecting Fin Grade

5. Occupation: Auto Mechanic and Pilot

6. Political Party: Democrat

7. Organizations: Teamsters of Foreign Part, Teamsters Union, Sheriff's Deputy

8. Leisure Time: Hunting, Fishing, Flying, and Sewing

9. Married: Frankie Louise Miller, Nov. 3, 1951

10. Military Service: 1952 Civilian Pilot Instructor with Missouri Institute of Aeronautics attached to the U.S. Army, 1952-1954 U.S. Army Air Force Air Transport Command

11. Travel: Extensive with military both U.S. and Central America

12. Children:

1. Donald M. Smith (see personal data sheet)

2. Gerald Leith Smith

Born--Jan 25, 1953 in Glendale, Missouri

Education--High School of Elderado, Ill., College in Elderado

Southern Polytechnical Institute, Degree in Electrical Engineering

Married Jean Gardner

Military Service--Four Years in U.S. Air Force

No children

3. John Edward Smith

Born--Apr. 7, 1955 at Glendale, Ill.

Education--High School at Elderado, Ill., College at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Ill., Degree in Business Administration

Married--Mary Lane, June 1972

Military Service--U.S. Army Reserves

Resident of Decatur, Ill.

13. Retired and now residing in Eldorado, Ill.

1.Smith

2. Mother; Frankie Louise Miller Smith

3. Born; Aug. 14, 1917

4. Married; Herschel Smith, Nov. 30, 1933

5. Education; High School

6. Occupation; Medical Records Clerk

7. Religion; Pentecostal

8. Political Party; Democrat

9. Children; Listed under Herschel Smith

1. Smith

2. Donald Eugene Smith

3. Born; July 13, 1935 at Eldorado, ILL.

4. Married; Joan Stefane Aug. 10, 1958 at Eldorado, Ill.

5. Education; High School at Eldorado, Ill., Some college at Southern Illinois University, University of Maryland andRock Valley College

6. Occupation; Air Traffic Control Specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration

7. Political Party; Independant

8. Organizations; American Legion, Masons

9. Military Service; Eight years in the U.S. Air Force (Airborne Radio Operator)

10. Travel; Extensive. Throughout the U.S. with the exceptions of Penn., W. Va., Va., New Mexico and Idaho, all overseas travel was with USAF. Only exclusions were U.S.S.R., Poland, Hungary, Australia and China.

11. Children;

A. Stacey Lynn Smith

Born--Jan. 20, 1965 at Kansas City, Missouri

Education--3rd Grade Highland School, Rockford, Il.

Hobbies--Reading, Guitar, Choir

1. Smith

2. Donald Eugene Smith

3. Born: [illegible] at Elizabeth, Ill.

4. Married: Jean Thelma [illegible], [illegible] at Elizabeth, Ill.

5. Education: High School at Elizabeth, Ill., Some College at Northern Illinois University, University of Maryland and Mount Vernon College

6. Occupation: Air Traffic Control Specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration

7. Political Party: Independent

8. Organizations: American Legion, Masons

9. Military Service: Eight years in the U.S. Air Force (Airborne Radio Operator)

10. Travel: Extensive. Throughout the U.S. with the exceptions of Penn., N. Y., Va., New Mexico and Idaho, all processes travel was with USAF. Only exceptions were U.S.S.R., Poland, Hungary, Australia and China.

11. Children:

a. Stacey Lynn Smith

Born—Jan. [illegible], [illegible] at Kansas City, Missouri

Education—[illegible] Lynn-Highland School, [illegible], Ill.

Hobbies—Reading, Cooper, Chair

THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smiths, at least this portion of them, were traced back to the northwest portion of Tennessee about 40 miles northwest of Nashville. William Joshua Smith, a Blacksmith, was living in Cumberland City and for reasons unknown decided to move to the southern part of Illinois a trip of considerable distance in the middle of the Nineteenth Century. He followed the natural waterways northwest through the western portion of Kentucky to the Ohio River and then up the Ohio River to Shawneetown at which point he bought a wagon and team of mules for the overland trip to a small settlement known as Ridgway, Illinois. The total milage was 200-250 miles and was completed in the fantastic time of three months. With Mr. Smith was his wife (unknown) and daughter Fannie and son Felix whose ages are not available. They had very little furniture and three cows, 2 dogs, some sheep and no money.

Upon settleing in Ridgway Mr. Smith resumed his work as a Blacksmith and began raising a family in earnest. In very short order four more sons were born including William Homer Smith in 1880 on the 25th of February. Little is known about the family life during this period except that they were very honest, hard working and well liked by their neighbors and friends. They were a close knit family whose church and religion were the focal point of thier lives outside of home.

The son, William Homer Smith, soon learned to lay bricks and became a master carpenter. As in most families of that period he had very little opportunity to receive any formal education but got what he could while helping with the family budget. In the early part of the 20th century, Homer, as he was known to his friends, was employed by a Mr. Vickery to lay some bricks and do a "lil carpenting". While he was thus employed he met a Miss Leora Vickery and decided they should get married. However she had other plans and so Homer "wooed and won" another young lady, who unfortunately died after giving birth to a daughter Gladys. After the appropriate amount of time Leora Vickery and Homer were married. Their life varied little from that of their parents. They had three children of their own. A girl and two boys the youngest was named Herschel. While the Church was still the center of most social life in this small town religion itself was not did not play a major role in the family until the parents were approaching middle age. The family did very little traveling and would be consideredlower class by today's standards. However there was more opportunity for formal education for all 4 of the children and all finished Grade School with the exception of Herschel who finished the 7th Grade. After all the children were working or married life became pleasant if not luxurious. They always had plenty of food, much of it coming from their garden, a small but comfortable home and Herschel was able to buy a Model A since he was now working at the local Ford garage. Discipline was always very strict and justice was swiftly dispensed by the father.

Herschel Smith was the first to stray from the confines of Town of Ridgway. He began driving all the way to Eldorado, Illinois to date a young lady who was living there. The daughter Gladys was really the first to make a permenant break from the long established pattern of family ties by moving far away to Shawneetown, Illinois (30 miles) and later New Harmony, Indiana. The Next break in this pattern did not occur for some years with the advent of World War II which saw both sons entering Military Service. This event also signaled the end of family life as it had been for at least a hundred years.

Just about the same time that William Joshua Smith was leaving Cumberland City, Tennessee a man named William Dudley was born in an obscure rural area of Southern Illinois called Hamilton County. In the year 1886 he met and married Lillie Flora Johnson and they had a daughter in 1892 which they named Beulah Dudley. Shortly after the birth of Beulah the family moved to Eldorado, Illinois where William opened a sawmill. When Beulah was 8 years old she became an orphan upon the death of her mother, her father having died 5 years earlier. Beulah was raised by an aunt who owned a boarding house in Eldorado, Il.

Another man was born justabout the same time W.J. Smith moved North. His name was William Tabor Miller born 1860 at Hartford, Ky. William married Sara Emma Basden Barnard in Beaver Dam, Ky. and then moved to Newburgh, Ind. where their three sons were born. The family life so far as can be ascertained was like most families of

Marshall Smith was the first to stray from the confines of Town of Ridgway. He began driving all the way to Eldorado, Illinois to date a young lady who was living there. The daughter Gladys was really the first to make a permanent break from the long established pattern of family line by moving far away to Shannonton, Illinois (30 miles) and later New Hampton, Indiana. The next break in this pattern did not occur for some years with the advent of World War II which was both more entering Military Service. This event also signaled the end of family life as it had been for at least a hundred years.

Just about the same time that William Joshua Smith was leaving Cumberland City, Tennessee a man named William Mullen was born in an obscure rural area of Southern Illinois called Pacific County. In the year 1850 he met and married Lillie Flora Johnson and they had a daughter in 1892 which they named Beulah Mullen. Shortly after the birth of Beulah the family moved to Eldorado, Illinois where William opened a sawmill. When Beulah was 5 years old she became an orphan upon the death of her mother, her father having died 5 years earlier. Beulah was raised by an aunt who owned a boarding house in Eldorado, Il.

Another man was born justamont the same time W.J. Smith moved North. His name was William Tabor Miller born 1867 or earlier. His William married Sara Cross Leeden Lemmon in Beaver Dam, Ky. and then moved to Newburgh, Ind. where their three sons were born. The family life so far as can be ascertained was like most families of

that period was close knit, well cared for children, mother usually the sole means of education for all using the Bible as the primary source of information, father hard working, strong moral character, strict disciplinarian, the church was the social center of the area and very little leisure time or travel.

The oldest son Eugene Franklin Miller went to work at the age of 12 in the coal mines in the Newburgh area. After working for 8 years he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Cuba and Latin America. Eugene Miller "Private of Company B, 11th Regimetn of the Infantry, who enlisted on 29 Aug 1905 to serve 3 years. Discharged on 28 Aug 1908 by reason of expiration of term of service. Character of soldier recorded as 'good', transferred from Company K same regiment."

After his discharge Eugene went to Eldorado, Illinois to get work in the coal mines there. He was told the best beds in town were at Emma's boarding house and so he rented a room there. He met the young neice of Emma named Beulah Dudley and they felt at once that there was no way to survive unless they got married. So two weeks after they met they were married at Harrisburg, Ill. 8 miles west of Eldorado, Jan. 7, 1910. They set up housekeeping at Eldorado, in a house left to Beulah by her Father. Eugene returned to the Coal Mines and Beulah settled down to providing a home for her husband and her children as their first born arrived March 21, 1911. In All they had 8 children of which one was still born. While both parents were loving and kind hearted they were strict in discipline in the early years but became more mellow with each additional child.

The family life was very close as both parents strived to instill all the good, christian ethics of their own high moral standards in each child. Religion played a large role in the family life and the whole family attended church regularly. Hard work was thought to be it's own reward and moderation in all things. Alcohol, gambling and all the tools of violence were strictly taboo, especially the weapons of war, both real and toy. The living standard would be considered upper middle class today as there was always plenty of food from their large garden, meat was abundant as they raised chickens, pigs, and rabbits. All holidays were observed as an entire family project with participating if possible, especially in the work. Religious holidays such as Christmas were especially memorable.

The fourth child born to the Millers was a girl named Frankie Louise Miller born Aug. 14, 1917. She, as did all the Miller clan, was able to complete her schooling all the way through high school. However, in her third year of high school, she married a young man she had been dating for a short period. His name was Herschel Smith. They decided it would be better to be married as he was driving the 15 miles from Ridgway to Eldorado several times a week. They were married Nov. 30, 1933 and after finishing school Frankie went to work for the Farm Bureau at Ridgway, Il. where they made their home. From this union three sons were born. The first was Donald Eugene Smith in July 1935 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller in Eldorado, Il. Gerald Keith Smith was born Jan. 25, 1943 in Sikeston, Missouri. John Edward Smith was born Apr. 7, 1949 in Eldorado, Il.

This generation, Frankie and Herschel, were really the first to have great mobility both geographically and financially. They were beset by many difficulties such as the depression, floods in 1937, illness and death on both sides of the family. Family life changed drastically due to more and better education for both parents and children, the working wife who in the past worked strictly in the home, a larger diversifaction of social life. In the past the Church was the focal point but now it was just another facet of society in general and very often was the smallest facet. Radio (Commercial), Automobiles being more accessible to the average man, less and less restrictions on women so far as public dancing, drinking and wearing of makeup as well as the general attitude of the country as a whole in the 1920's were responsible for the changes in family life.

The Smith family was not a close knit family by any means. The mother worked, father worked and both felt the need for relaxation afterwards. The school was unofficially given the responsiblity to teach all the accepted standards of morality, honesty, forthriteness, integrity, manners, etc. Then came the "Great Adventure". World War II.

I was born on July 13, 1935 at my grandparents (Miller) in Eldorado, Illinois. The first few years of my life were spent in Ridgway, Illinois with just a few patchs of memories most of which deal with home and loving parents. Just prior to entering the first grade my Father accepted employment as an auto mechanic at the Ford garage in Eldorado, Il. I attended The Washington Elementary School until the middle of the second grade (1942). My Father was accepted

The conservatives finally had their chance, very nearly the first one in have given multiple team championships and tournaments. They were known by many distinctive rules on the Gamecocks. Their [illegible] [illegible] and their in high school at the finals. Nearly this [illegible] distinctly the [illegible] and taught [illegible] for many [illegible] and additions. The [illegible] this and in the post football university in the [illegible], a longer [illegible] of social life. In the post [illegible] and the first [illegible] but one is not that another [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. Nearly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

as a Flight Instructor with the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics which had a contract to train pilots for the U.S. Army in Sikeston, Missouri. The next few years were happy years as I was very proud that my dad was a military pilot and we had a good "middle class" life for the most part even though it meant moving several times and attending 4 or 5 schools in 4 years or less. In 1946 we returned to Eldorado, Il. where I lived with my grandparents for a couple of years. I finished my schooling at the Eldorado Township High School June 1953. After graduation I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving in many States and overseas (Korea). I was discharged in 1957 during what then President Eisenhower termed a mild recession. Unable to find employment I re-enlisted in the USAF. In Aug 1958 I married a former classmate Joan Stefane, who had attended college in Evansville, Indiana and was working as a secretary there. I was discharged for the 2nd time in Jan. 1962 and became an Air Traffic Control Specialist in the Federal Aviation Administration. We have since had one daughter, Stacey Lynn Smith, born Jan. 20th, 1965. Because of my profession we have lived in Kansas City, Omaha, Neb.(twice), Vandalia, Il., Indianapolis, Indiana, Rockford, Il. and are in the process of moving to the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

In summary, families were generally small with the average being about 5. Discipline in the early families was very strict and the father was the disciplinarian. All families seemed to have their own residences for the most and seldom lived with parents after getting married and vice versa. Some had large homes and others ran the

to the other extreme such as when I was in High School. We lived, the 5 of us, in two rooms with no indoor bath and only cold water plumbing. Discipline changed drastically but slowly to the point that my two brothers and I were very loosly supervised since both parents worked. Mobility began on a large scale with the generation my parents were in. For hundreds of years there was one or less moves of entire families and income changed very little if at all in most cases. Suddenly with the entire world at war everyone was making many times over the income they had been making. Many young men were taken into the Military as my Father, his brother Homer who died from wounds received in combat after fighting through most of Europe, my Mother's brother, Raymond who served in the Far East for 3 and ½ years and then settled in California. Of the 8 children the Millers had only one lives in the same town as my grandmother(sole survivor of my grandparents) and one lives within 30 miles while the rest are at least 500 miles away.

Sons did not follow the occupations of the fathers and both parents seemed to have no influence over their children's futures except in the areas of education and religion.

Early families expected children to work to help the family but this decreased almost in direct proportion to the decrease in discipline.

Many dreams were made along the paths of the last 150 or so years leading to this time and this place. Many were broken or shattered by the terrible grief due to the death of a loved one or both parents as in the case of Beulah Dudley Miller, or the bitter feelings created by the divorce court as in the case of my parents. Life was very

difficult for the entire family of the nineteenth century, especially so for the parents. It seems that as life was made easier for all through the invention of modern appliances, electricity being more accessible for the average person, convenience of travel, and more and more money to spend and leisure time to spend it the basic roots of family life were just as surely destroyed. However, morality and the basic standards of integreity seemed to remain about the same from my own observations of both sides of the family.

Since neither of my brothers have any children nor any apparent inclination to have any, my daughter, Stacey Lynn Smith may very well be the terminal of this particular Smith clan.

SMITH, RICHARD GENE, 1954-

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   ____ Vital Records ____ Land Records ____ The U.S. Census
   ____ Photographs ____ Maps ____ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Ubbo K. Smith Current Residence
If dead, date of death 3/21/71

Place of birth Drieborg, Netherlands Date of Birth Feb. 15, 1901

Education (number of years):
grade school 6 high school vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st carpenter Dates 1920 - 1941 1st Arlington, Iowa Dates 1920-1

2nd carpenter Dates 1915 2nd Parkersburg, Iowa Dates 1915

3rd farmer & carpenter Dates 1905 3rd Parkersburg, Iowa Dates 1905

4th carpenter Dates 1941 4th Decatonica, Illinois Dates 1920-61

Religion Baptist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. couldn't vote - wasn't naturalized

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Joster, Iowa date 3/10/15

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Frederika Viel Smith Current Residence
If dead, date of death 3/7/174

Place of birth Nieuwolda, Netherlands Date of birth 5/3/1897

Education (number of years):
grade school 6 high school vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st housemaid Dates 1910-15 1st Parkersburg, Iowa Dates 1910-15

2nd housewife Dates 1915-73 2nd Minnesota and Iowa Dates 1915-73

3rd Dates 3rd Decatonica, Illinois Dates 1920-61

4th Dates 4th Seward, Illinois Dates 1961-7

Religion Baptist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. couldn't vote - wasn't naturalized

Place of marriage to your grandfather Joster, Iowa DATE March 10, 1915

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name J. Howard Miller Current Residence Polo, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Jonesboro, Tennessee Date of birth [illegible]
Education (number of years):
grade school 7 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Farmer (Hired)	Dates 1925-37	1st Polo, Illinois	Dates 1939-40
2nd	Dates	2nd	Dates
3rd Farmer (self-employed)	Dates 1937-[illegible]	3rd Oregon, Illinois	Dates 1940-59
4th Retired	Dates	4th Polo, Illinois	Dates 1959-74

Religion United Brethern
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandmother Morrison, Illinois date [illegible]
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Winnefred Kathryn Flynn Miller Current Residence Polo, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Coleta, Illinois Date of birth 12/10/1912
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st housemaid	Dates 1926-29	1st Polo, Illinois	Dates 1939-40
2nd housewife	Dates 1939-74	2nd Oregon, Illinois	Dates 1940-59
3rd cook	Dates 1967-74	3rd Polo, Illinois	Dates 1959-74

Religion United Brethern
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandfather Morrison, Illinois date [illegible]
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

D-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Frances Smith
Place of birth Parkersburg, Iowa date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 7 Occupation factory laborer
Residence Hollandale, Minn. Marital Status Matthew Kaiser - [illegible]
Number of children 1

2. Name John Smith
Place of birth Parkersburg, Iowa date 5/21/'1[illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation factory maintenance
Residence Seward, Illinois Marital Status Margaret Stahl - 2/27/'4[illegible]
Number of children 3

3. Name Kuhny Smith
Place of birth Parkersburg, Iowa date 10/19/'19
Number of years of schooling 7 Occupation milk truck driver
Residence Durand, Illinois Marital Status Leona Wienk - 1[illegible]/[illegible]/'47
Number of children 1[illegible]

4. Name Bruno Smith
Place of birth Parkersburg, Iowa date 10/19/'19
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Pastor
Residence Ankeny, Iowa Marital Status Elizabeth Campbell - [illegible]/1[illegible]/'44
Number of children 3

5. Name Rena Smith
Place of birth Parkersburg, Iowa date [illegible]/2[illegible]/2[illegible]
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation cook at school
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Robert Myers - 1[illegible]/[illegible]/'45
Number of children 3

6. Name Grace Smith
Place of birth Parkersburg, Iowa date 8/22/'2[illegible]
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation cook at school
Residence Vineland, New Jersey Marital Status Stanley Coffee 1/[illegible]/'[illegible]
Number of children 4

7. Name Alice Smith
Place of birth Parkersburg, Iowa date 9/14/'27 died same day
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name William Smith
Place of birth Thompson, Iowa date 9/24/'2[illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation shipper
Residence Pecatonica, Illinois Marital Status Margaret Miller - 2/26/'50
Number of children 4

9. Name Henry Smith
Place of birth Oakland, Minnesota date 9/24/'2[illegible]
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation carpenter
Residence Leaf River, Illinois Marital Status Betty Capion [illegible]/1[illegible]/'52
Number of children 3

10. Name Paul Smith
Place of birth Oakland, Minnesota date 9/13/'32
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation carpenter
Residence New Milford, Illinois Marital Status Mary L. Caudal - 11/5/'5[illegible]
Number of children 3
Later - divorced
second marriage - Shirley Knight Bartholemew - 10/25/'[illegible]

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name [illegible] Alfred Miller
Place of birth Polo, Illinois date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife
Residence Pecatonica, Illinois Marital Status William Smith - 2/26/50
Number of children

2. Name [illegible]y Louise Miller
Place of birth Milledgeville, Illinois date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife & barmaid
Residence Dixon, Illinois Marital Status John Wallschlager - 10/[illegible]
Number of children

3. Name Frances Eileen Miller
Place of birth Milledgeville, Illinois date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation factory laborer
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status John Leary - [illegible]
Number of children

4. Name Lil Belle Miller
Place of birth Milledgeville, Illinois date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife
Residence Phoenix, Arizona Marital Status George Stocking - 7/5/5[illegible]
Number of children

5. Name James Edward Miller
Place of birth Sterling, Illinois date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation factory plumber
Residence Stillman Valley, Illinois Marital Status Martha Williams - 7/23/[illegible]
Number of children

6. Name Clarice May Miller
Place of birth Sterling, Illinois date 11/[illegible]/33
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife
Residence Winnebago, Illinois Marital Status Larry Christen - 1/28/56
Number of children 3

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Fred Smith
Place of birth Oakland, Minnesota date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence German Valley, Illinois Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children

2. Name Harm Smith
Place of birth Oakland, Minnesota date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation factory [illegible]
Residence German Valley, Ill. Marital Status [illegible] - [illegible]
Number of children 4

3. Name Jeannette Gloria Smith
Place of birth Albert Lea, Minnesota date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence Loves Park, Illinois Marital Status John Hamie - 10/[illegible]
Number of children

4. Name George Smith
Place of birth Seward, Illinois date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation factory machinist
Residence Seward, Illinois Marital Status Judy Knolle - 7/30/[illegible]
Number of children 2

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

2. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

3. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

4. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

5. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

6. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

7. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

8. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

9. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

10. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

Your Father

Name William Smith Current Residence Pecatonica, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Thompson, Iowa Date of birth [illegible]
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st carpenter	Dates 1944-49		1st Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1950
2nd factory molder	Dates 1950		2nd Seward, Illinois	Dates 1950
3rd carpenter	Dates 1950		3rd Winnebago, Illinois	Dates 1950-52
4th W.F. & John Barnes	Dates 1950-		4th Pecatonica, Illinois	Dates 1952-

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Split ticket

Place of marriage to your mother Grand Detour, Illinois date [illegible]/50
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Margaret Winnefred Miller Current Residence Pecatonica, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Polo, Illinois Date of birth 8/30/'29
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st store clerk	Dates 1949-50		1st Oregon, Illinois	Dates 1949-50
2nd	Dates		2nd Winnebago, Illinois	Dates 1950-52
3rd nurses aid	Dates 1967-70		3rd Pecatonica, Illinois	Dates 1952-

Religion Methodist
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Split ticket

Place of marriage to your father Grand Detour, Illinois date [illegible]/50
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Howard William Smith
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation truck driver
Residence Winnebago, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children

Name Richard Gene Smith
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence Pecatonica, Illinois Marital Status engaged
Number of children

Name Charles Edward Smith
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth 7/29/57
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence deceased [illegible] Marital Status
Number of children

Name Kayne Gregory Smith
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth 4/29/62
Number of years of schooling 2 Occupation student
Residence Pecatonica, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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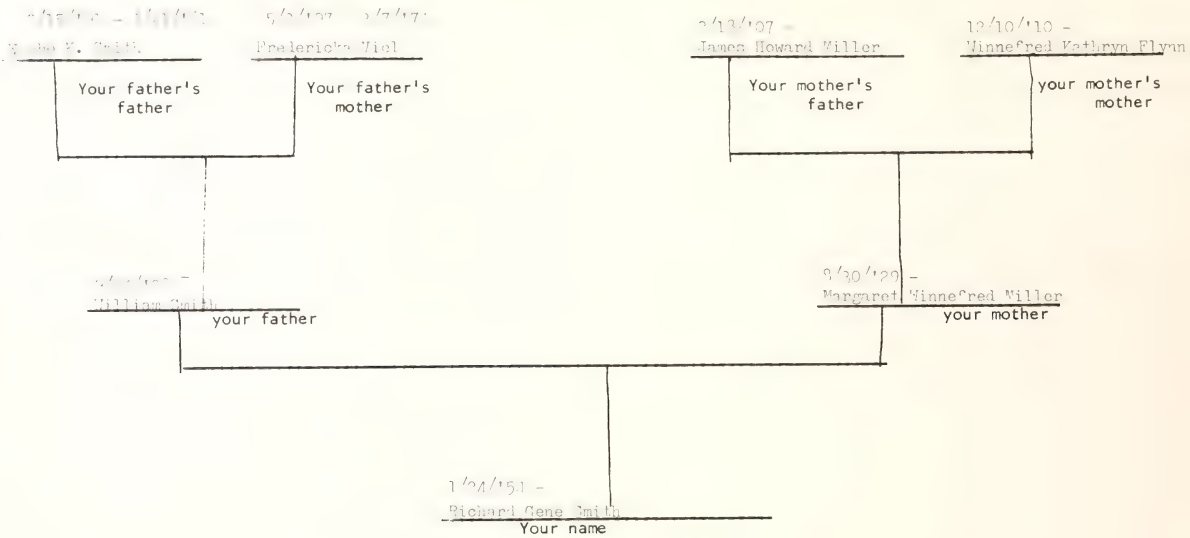
Signed Richard G Smith

Date 5/2/74

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



Preface

The following data is a family history of and compiled by Richard Smith. It is accurate and authentic and factual to the best of my knowledge.

1. Smith

2. Fraternal Grandfather: Mubbo K. Smith

3. Born: February 15, 1891 in Drieborg, Netherlands. Married Frederika Viel on March 10, 1915 in Coster, Iowa. His wife was also born in the Netherlands.

4. Died: March 21, 1961 in Rockford, Illinois after a lengthy illness.

5. Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Freeport, Illinois

6. Education: grade school in the Netherlands

7. Occupation: carpenter and farmer

8. Religion: Baptist

9. Political Party: Couldn't vote; not naturalized citizen of U.S.

10. Organizations: First Baptist Church, Freeport, Illinois

11. Leisure Time: fishing, gardening

12. Travel: Migrating to U.S., South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois

13. Came to America at age 18 and settled in Applington, Iowa.

1. Smith

2. Fraternal Grandmother: Frederika Viel Smith

3. Born: May 3, 1897 in Nieuwoldo, Netherlands

4. Died: March 7, 1974 in Durand, Illinois after a lengthy illness.

5. Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery, Freeport, Illinois

6. Education: Sixth grade

7. Occupation: housewife

8. Religion: Baptist

9. Political Party: Couldn't vote; not a naturalized citizen of U.S.

10. Organizations: First Baptist Church, Pecatonica, Illinois
11. Leisure Time: crochet, reading Bible, visiting, knitting, sewing
12. Travel: Migrating to U.S., Midwest U.S., East to New Jersey
13. Came to America at age 17 with her parents. They settled in South Freeport, Illinois.

My fraternal grandparents had fourteen children, nine boys and five girls.

Daughter

1. Frances
2. Born: April 25, 1916 in Parkersburg, Iowa
3. Residence: Hollandale, Minnesota
4. Education: Seventh grade
5. Employment: Potato Warehouse
6. Religion: Christian Reform
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Leisure Time: fishing, travel
9. Travel: New Jersey, Texas, Colorado, Midwest U.S.
10. Married To: Mathew Kuiper on April 21, 1936 in Albert Lea, Minnesota.
11. Children: Trina, married to Glennes Nelson in Iowa, live and work in Iowa, have one daughter

Son

1. John
2. Born: May 12, 1918 in Parkersburg, Iowa
3. Residence: Seward, Illinois
4. Education: Sixth grade
5. Employment: Maintenance at Atwood Machine Co., Rockford, Illinois
6. Religion: Baptist
7. Political Party: Split ticket

8. Leisure Time: fishing

9. Travel: Canada, Wyoming, Montana, New Jersey, Midwest U.S.

10. Married To: Margaret Stahl on February 27, 1942 in Rockford, Ill.

11. Children:

    a. Son Larry, 31, lives in Rockford, Ill., machinist at Woodward Governor in Rockford, married, has one adopted child.

    b. Son Robert, 30, lives in Rockford, Ill., tinsmith, married, has two children.

    c. Daughter Brenda, 20, lives with parents.

Son

1. Kuhny

2. Born: October 19, 1919 in Parkersburg, Iowa

3. Residence: Durand, Illinois

4. Education: Seventh grade

5. Employment: Milk hauler for Pleasant View Cheese Corporation in Rock City, Illinois. Has served in the United States Army.

6. Religion: Lutheran

7. Political Party: Split ticket

8. Organizations: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Pecatonica, Illinois

9. Leisure Time: family pleasures

10. Travel: Kentucky, Missouri, South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Japan

11. Married To: Donna Wienk on December 20, 1947 in Pecatonica, Illinois.

12. Children:

    a. Son Allan, 26, lives in Durand, Ill., works at Camcar in Rockford, Ill., married to Luanna Wienk, has three children. Has served in the United States Army.

b. Son Daniel, 25, lives at home, works at J. L. Clark in Rockford, Ill., married and divorced, has one son. Has served in the United States Army.

c. Son Raymond, 23, lives at home, works at cheese factory in Rock City, Ill., single. Has served in the United States Army.

d. Son James, 21, lives in Pecatonica, Ill., works at Camcar in Rockford, Ill., married to Debby Niemeier. Has served in the United States Army.

e. Daughter Rickey, born and died on October 20, 1954.

f. Son Timothy, 18, lives at home, works at J. L. Clark in Rockford, Ill., single.

g. Daughter Gloria, 17, lives at home, works at Medina Nursing Home in Durand, Ill., single, student.

h. Son Calvin, 15, lives and works on a farm near Osseco, Wisc., single.

i. Daughter Wendy, born on April 22, 1962 and died on November 15, 1964.

j. Daughter Lois, 5, still at home.

Son

1. Bruno
2. Born: September 11, 1921 in Parkersburg, Iowa
3. Residence: Ankeny, Iowa
4. Education: Seminary graduate
5. Employment: Faith Baptist Bible College and has served in the United States Army
6. Religion: Baptist
7. Political Party: Republican
8. Organizations: F.B.B.C. Alumni
9. Leisure Time: hunting, fishing, TV

10. Travel: Greater midwest

11. Married To: Beth Campbell on February 14, 1944 in Topeka, Kansas.

12. Children: all adopted

    a. Son Kevin, 21, attending Faith Baptist Bible College, junior.

    b. Son David, 16, sophmore in high school.

    c. Son Daryl, 15, freshman in high school.

Daughter

1. Rena

2. Born: August 22, 1923 in Parkersburg, Iowa

3. Residence: Rockford, Illinois

4. Education: Eighth grade

5. Employment: Cook for Rockford Board of Education

6. Religion: Baptist

7. Political Party: Split ticket

8. Leisure Time: watch TV and travel

9. Travel: New Jersey, Minnesota, Nebraska, Midwest

10. Married To: Robert Myers on December 8, 1945 in Rockford, Illinois.

11. Children:

    a. Daughter Alice, 31, lives in Rockford, Ill., works for Stone Hydraulic in Loves Park, Ill., married and divorced, has two daughters.

    b. Daughter Patty, 21, lives at home, works for Matteson Machine in Rockford, Ill., single.

    c. Son Charles, 13, lives at home, student, single.

Daughter

1. Grace

2. Born: August 22, 1924 in Parkersburg, Iowa

3. Residence: Vineland, New Jersey

4. Education: Eighth grade
5. Employment: Cook's helper - Board of Education
6. Religion: Baptist
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Leisure Time: watching TV and spending time with family
9. Travel: New Jersey to Iowa, Midwest
10. Married To: Stanley Coffe on January 20, 1946 in Rockford, Illinois.
11. Children:
    a. Son William, 23, lives with wife in New Jersey, married, has two sons.
    b. Son George, 21, lives in Boston, Massachusetts.
    c. Daughter Rika, 18, lives at home, student.
    d. Daughter Linda, 17, lives at home, student.

Daughter

1. Alice
2. Born and Died: September 14, 1927

Son

1. William
2. Born: September 24, 1928 in Thompson, Iowa
3. Residence: Pecatonica, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: Shipper at W. F. & John Barnes Co., Rockford, Illinois
6. Religion: Methodist
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Organizations: U. A. W., Methodist Church of Pecatonica, Ill.
9. Leisure Time: fishing, camping, cottage on a lake in Wisconsin where he spends all leisure time

10. Travel: Minnesota, Tennessee, Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana

11. Married To: Margaret Miller on February 26, 1950 in Grand Detour, Illinois.

12. Children:

a. Howard, 23, truck driver for Electrical Engineering Co., has served in the United States Marine Corps.

b. Son Richard, 20, student at home, millwork carpenter.

c. Son Charles, deceased at age 3 years and 2 months.

d. Son Kayne, 12, student at home.

Son

1. Henry
2. Born: August 27, 1930 in Oakland, Minnesota
3. Residence: Leaf River, Illinois
4. Education: Eighth grade
5. Employment: Carpenter at Greenlee Bros.
6. Religion: Protestant
7. Political Party: Democrat
8. Organizations: Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Band Boosters
9. Leisure Time: fishing, antique collector, house handiman
10. Travel: Canada, Carolinas, Virginia, New York, Michigan, Oklahoma, Indiana, Mississippi, Midwest U.S.
11. Married To: Betty Capion on April 12, 1952 in Freeport, Illinois.
12. Children:

a. Son Jerry, 20, utility man, married, has one son.

b. Son Michael, 19, scraper hand for Rockford Machine Tool.

c. Daughter Gaylene, 17, student at home.

Son

1. Paul
2. Born: September 13, 1932 in Oakland, Minnesota
3. Residence: New Milford, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: Millwork Carpenter at Rock River Distributors in Rockford, Illinois.
6. Religion: Baptist
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Organizations: First Baptist Church in Rockford, Illinois
9. Leisure Time: church work
10. Travel: New Jersey, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Midwest U.S.
11. Married To: married and divorced once, had three children by first marriage. Second marriage to Shirley Knight on October 25, 1969 in Rockford, Illinois.
12. Children: all living with mother of first marriage
    a. Daughter Lori, 15
    b. Daughter Denise, 11
    c. Son Thomas, 7

Son

1. Fred
2. Born: December 10, 1934 in Oakland, Minnesota
3. Residence: German Valley, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: Shipping clerk at Rock River Distributors in Rockford, Illinois. Has served in the United States Army.
6. Religion: Christian Reformed

7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Organizations: presently - German Valley Volunteer Fire Department in the past - Freeport Choral Society, Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quaret Singing in America, Church Board, and played part of one season semi-pro baseball in Parkersburg, Iowa.
9. Leisure Time: woodworking, softball, basketball, amateur theater plays
10. Travel: thru most of the United States, West of Mississippi, Kentucky, Michigan
11. Married To: Patricia Ann Eckhoff on October 11, 1958 in German Valley, Ill.
12. Children: all at home and going to school
    a. Daughter Marna Renee, 14
    b. Daughter Susan Jay, 11
    c. Daughter Teresa Ellen, 10
    d. Daughter Ann Francis, 5

Son

1. Harm
2. Born: January 18, 1937 in Oakland, Minnesota
3. Residence: German Valley, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: Supervisor at Rockford Clutch Division of Borg Warner Corp.
6. Religion: Protestant
7. Political Party: Democrat
8. Organizations: Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quaret Singing in America, Parent Teachers Organization, Boy Scouts, past member of Illinois National Guard

9. Leisure Time: carpenter work, softball, basketball, participate in amateur plays
10. Travel: Florida, Maryland, Washington D. C., Nebraska, Midwest U.S.
11. Married To: Donna Greenfield on August 22, 1959 in German Valley, Illinois.
12. Children:
    a. Daughter Dawn Susanne, 10, 5th Grade in German Valley Grade School.
    b. Son Todd Bradley, 9, 3rd Grade in German Valley Grade School.
    c. Daughter Starr Michelle, 4
    d. Son Trent Ryan, 7 months old

Daughter

1. Jeannette Gloria
2. Born: February 2, 1938 in Albert Lea, Minnesota
3. Residence: Loves Park, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: housewife
6. Religion: Baptist
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Organizations: PTA
9. Leisure Time: sew, knit, bike riding
10. Travel: South to Georgia, East to New Jersey, Nebraska, Midwest U.S.
11. Married To: John Haynie on October 21, 1961 in Freeport, Illinois.
12. Children:
    a. Son Shawn, 11, student.
    b. Daughter Lynn, 9, student.
    c. Son Craig, 6, at home.
    d. Daughter Susan, 2, at home.

Son

1. George
2. Born: October 25, 1940 in Seward, Illinois
3. Residence: Seward, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: Machinist at Greenlee Bros. in Rockford, Illinois
6. Religion: Baptist
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Organizations: First Baptist Church in Pecatonica, Illinois
9. Leisure Time: carpenter, fishing
10. Travel: Greater Midwest
11. Married To: Judy Knoodle on July 3, 1960 in Freeport, Illinois.
12. Children: all students at home
    a. Daughter Debra, 12
    b. Son Mark, 10
    c. Daughter Sandra, 7

1. Miller
2. Maternal Grandfather: James Howard Miller
3. Born: February 18, 1907 in Jonesboro, Tennessee
4. Residence: Polo, Illinois
5. Education: 7th Grade
6. Employment: Farmer
7. Religion: United Bretheran
8. Political Party: Split ticket
9. Leisure Time: yardwork
10. Travel: 42 states
11. Married To: Winnifred Kathryn Flynn on January 30, 1929 in Morrison, Illinois.

1. Miller
2. Maternal Grandmother: Winnifred Kathryn Flynn
3. Born: December 10, 1910 in Coleta, Illinois
4. Residence: Polo, Illinois
5. Education: 8th Grade
6. Employment: cook and housewife
7. Religion: United Bretheran
8. Political Party: Split ticket
9. Leisure Time: crafts
10. Travel: 42 states
11. Married To: James Howard Miller on January 30, 1929 in Morrison, Illinois.

My maternal grandparents had six children, five girls and one boy.

Daughter

1. Margaret Winifred
2. Born: August 30, 1929 in Polo, Illinois
3. Residence: Pecatonica, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: housewife
6. Religion: Methodist
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Leisure Time: spends all leisure time at a cottage on a lake in Wisconsin
9. Travel: Minnesota, Tennessee, Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana
10. Married To: William Smith on February 26, 1950 in Grand Detour, Illinois.
11. Children:
    a. Son Howard William, 23, truck driver for Hoosier Electrical Engineering Co., lives in Winnebago, Ill., has served in the United States Marine Corps.
    b. Son Richard Gene, 20, student at Rock Valley College, lives at home, part-time millwork carpenter.
    c. Son Charles Edward, deceased at age 3 years and 2 months.
    d. Son Kayne Gregory, 12, student at home, 6th grade.

Daughter

1. Dorothy Louise
2. Born: March 31, 1931 in Polo, Illinois
3. Residence: Dixon, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate

5. Employment: housewife and barmaid
6. Religion: Brethren
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Organizations: PTA
9. Leisure Time: bowling, reading
10. Travel: Tennessee, Midwest U.S.
11. Married To: John C. Waldschlager on October 13, 1952 on a farm in Oregon, Illinois.
12. Children:
    a. Daughter Kathryn, 21, married to Dennis Jackson, lives in Sheffield, Illinois, housewife.
    b. Daughter Lynn, 20, works in data-processing at bank in Dixon, Ill., lives in Dixon.
    c. Daughter Sandra, 16, student, living at home.
    d. Son Patrick, 10, student, living at home.

Daughter

1. Frances Eileen
2. Born: January 7, 1933 in Milledgeville, Illinois
3. Residence: Rockford, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: Factory laborer and housewife
6. Religion:
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Leisure Time:
9. Travel: Midwest U.S.
10. Married To: John LeMay on March 1, 1971 in Rockford, Illinois.

Daughter

1. Lil Belle
2. Born: December 7, 1921 in Milledgeville, Illinois
3. Residence: Phoenix, Arizona
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: housewife
6. Religion: Lutheran
7. Leisure Time: pink lady in hospital
8. Travel: Illinois, Arizona, California
9. Married To: George Stocking on July 5, 1953 in Rockford, Illinois.
10. Children:
    a. Son Bradley, 15, student living at home.
    b. Son Randal, 12, student living at home.

Son

1. James Edward
2. Born: March 2, 1936 in Sterling, Illinois
3. Residence: Stillman Valley, Illinois
4. Education: 8th Grade
5. Employment: Plumber at Drop Forge in Rockford, Illinois. Has served in the United States Army.
6. Religion: Protestant
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Organizations: Lions Club
9. Leisure Time: camping
10. Travel: United States, France
11. Married To: Martha Williams on July 23, 1960 in Rockford, Illinois.
12. Children:
    a. Daughter Mandy, 10, student at home
    b. Son James, 6, student at home

Daughter

1. Sharon Kay
2. Born: November 16, 1938 in Sterling, Illinois
3. Residence: Winnebago, Illinois
4. Education: High School Graduate
5. Employment: housewife
6. Religion: Presbyterian
7. Political Party: Split ticket
8. Leisure Time: Spare time spent at a cabin on a lake in northern Wisconsin.
9. Travel: All over the United States
10. Married To: Larry Christen on January 28, 1956 in Winnebago, Illinois.
11. Children:
    a. Daughter Debra, 18, married to Gary Daub, living in Atlanta, Georgia, dancing instructor.
    b. Son Timothy, 15, student living at home.
    c. Son Shawn, 1½, living at home.

Grandfather Smith Single

My fraternal grandfather, Wubbo K. Smith, was born on February 15, 1891 in the province of Groningen in northern Holland. His first name, Wubbo, is Wilbur in the English translation. The son of Koert and Froriwke Smith he was the oldest of nine children. He had seven brothers; William, John, Bruno, Hiko, Peter, Kuhny, and Gepko and a sister Grace. At this writing the only ones still living are William, Grace, and Gepko. My grandfather Smith died on March 21, 1961 in Rockford, Illinois. John died on March 31, 1919 at the age of twenty. Bruno died just less than a year after his brother John on February 14, 1920. Hiko has deceased, but his date of death is not known at this point. Peter died in Parkersburg, Iowa on August 19, 1969 at age sixty-seven. Kuhny died on April 24, 1933 in Cedar Falls, Iowa from pneumonia and complications.

Since my grandfather passed away more than thirteen years ago and my grandmother has just recently passed away, there is no one known who has any knowledge to any great extent of his past as a youth in the old country. The only known facts of Grandfather Smith's past are he had a sixth grade education, he took an apprenticeship in the carpentry trade; receiving room, board, and a small wage in return for his training, and he was self-taught in drawing his own plans for his proposed buildings.

He migrated to the United States in the year 1908, a year earlier than the rest of his family. He settled in Applington, Iowa and took

up the carpentry trade shortly afterwards. His traveling throughout the Midwest United States started in about 1912 when he went to South Dakota for a year. While there he bought a team of wild horses and broke them. Another highlight of his South Dakota trip was seeing Buffalo Bill's Circus in person. While my grandfather was in South Dakota he met and dated a girl and was in turn jilted by her. Seeing no reason to remain in South Dakota he hitched up his team of horses, only the second time they'd been hitched to a wagon, and drove them four-hundred miles back to Iowa.

Grandfather Smith moved to Freeport, Illinois in approximately 1914 and stayed there a year still as a carpenter. He met my grandmother in 1914 in Freeport and courted her for about a year using a motorcycle as his transportation. He married my grandmother, Frederika Viel, on March 10, 1915 in Coster, Iowa and settled in Parkersburg, Iowa.

Grandmother Smith Single

My fraternal grandmother, Frederika Viel Smith, was born on May 3, 1897 in Nieuwolda, Holland located in the province of Groningen in the northern area of the Netherlands. Her parents John Viel and Renska Schuthof Viel had eight children, my grandmother being the fifth child. Grandmother Smith's brothers and sisters are in order Alice, Henry, Paul, Harm, Gertrude, George, and John. At this date the only ones still living are Harm, George, and John. Alice died in 1908 at the age of nineteen just three months after she married, Henry died in Kalmazoo, Michigan at age seventy-six, Paul died in 1925 in Waterloo, Iowa at age thirty-two

after an injury on the railroad, and Gertrude died in Meuwolde, Holland at six months. My grandmother died just last March 7 at age 76 in Durand, Illinois. All the children were born in the Netherlands except John who was born in Freeport, Illinois on November 20, 1911.

Since my Grandmother Smith was so young before she migrated to the United States the only activity she undertook in the Netherlands was going to school through the sixth grade and helping my Great-Grandmother Viel around the house.

My Great-Grandfather Viel was a sort of hired hand over in the old country on a farm receiving only about the equivalent of $100 a year in pay. Great-Grandmother Viel and the children gleaned in the fields at harvest time. Life over in the Netherlands was very discouraging so Great-Grandfather Viel and two of his brothers decided to bring their families to the United States. After hearing of their plans the mayor of the city, fearful for the area land-owners losing cheap labor, attempted to dissuade them from going. He told them that there were cannibals in the United States that would eat them. This was not enough to keep my Great-Grandfather Viel and his brothers in the Netherlands so they helped each other to get to the United States. Great-Grandfather Viel and his family were the last of the three to leave, sailing out of Amsterdam on the ship "Potsdam" on a nine day voyage.

Henry Veil and Alice Mayes Viel, the parents of three brothers, remained in the Netherlands as their roots, belongings, and friends were all in Holland. A year after their sons left Alice Mayes Viel sent their families each a silver tea set which are now approximately sixty-years old. Jeanette Haynie, my father's youngest sister, now has the set sent to my Great-Grandfather John Viel.

Alice Mayes Viel's parents were independently wealthy. With all

types of servants and the like they lived among the elite. Her parents died at sea when the ship they were sailing on sank. When Alice Mayes Viel, an only child, could not produce a death certificate for her parents she could not receive her vast inheritance so it was given to the state. The only thing she received was the home her parents had given her.

My grandmother and her family arrived in the United States in 1910, sailing first to Ellis Island in New York, then taking the train to South Freeport, Illinois where my Great-Grandfather Viel's brothers already had settled. South Freeport was located seven miles west of German Valley near what is now the Albertus Airport.

Great-Grandfather Viel worked on the railroad in South Freeport earning approximately $1.75 a week in pay. He had a little place, a few acres of ground, a few chickens, a cow, a horse and buggy, and a pig. Dispite their meager means the outlook was promising so they were very happy.

Shortly after this they moved to another place that they called the Zimmerman place with Great-Grandfather Veil still working on the railroad. From there they moved again to Baileyville, Illinois. During this time Grandmother Smith worked as a maid for farmers and attended Reesenburg School where she and two of her older brothers went to school part-time to learn the English language. In 1914 my grandparents met in Freeport, Illinois. My grandparents courted for a year and then were married in Coster, Iowa on March 10, 1915.

The same month my grandparents were married Great-Grandfather Viel moved his family to Coster, Iowa where he started to farm.

Grandfather and Grandmother Smith's History From Marriage

Both of my grandparents, Wubbo K. and Frederika Wiel Smith, migrated to the United States from the Netherlands and lived in the same province in the Netherlands, Groningen, but they never met each other until 1914 after they'd moved to America. They met each other in Freeport, Illinois in 1914 just after my grandfather moved to Freeport from Parkersburg, Iowa. Very little is known of how they met, but it is known that my grandfather courted my grandmother on a motorcycle from the time they met til they were married on March 10, 1915 in Coster, Iowa.

After Grandpa and Grandma Smith were married they moved to Parkersburg, Iowa where my grandfather set up his carpentry trade. Their first of fourteen children, Frances was born on April 25, 1916 in Parkersburg just before they moved to Austin, Minnesota in the spring of 1916. Grandpa Smith moved the family back to Parkersburg in the fall of 1917 with himself still in the carpentry trade. Grandpa Smith worked as manager in a toy factory in Parkersburg for a year or two until the toy factory moved out of town. Grandpa Smith started farming in 1925 on a farm outside of Parkersburg.

Since Grandpa Smith had moved his family back to Parkersburg from Austin his family had slowly started to grow. Three sons and two daughters were born to my grandparents in Parkersburg. John was born first on May 12, 1918. Kuhny followed on October 19, 1919. Bruno joined his two brothers and sister in the family on September 11, 1921. A second daughter was born to the family, Rena, August 22, 1923. A third daughter, Grace, was born exactly one year after her sister Rena.

My grandfather farmed in Parkersburg only for about two years before they moved to Thomson, Iowa in 1927 still farming. While the

family was in Thomson two more children were born. The first tragedy struck the family when a daughter, Alice, was born and died on September 14, 1927. It has been said that Alice was born so deformed that my grandmother could hardly look at her. My grandfather could not afford to buy a casket then, so he had to make the casket and rough box himself. Another report concerning the death was when Grandpa Smith was building the casket he felt as if he was pounding a nail in his own heart. The second child was my father, William, born on September 24, 1928 in Thomson.

My grandfather moved his family again to Minnesota on January 2, 1930, this time moving to Oakland, Minnesota. The family now consisted of my grandparents, four sons, and three daughters. While living in the Oakland area as a farmer four more sons and another daughter were added to the family. Henry was born on August 27, 1930. Paul was born on September 13, 1932. Fred was born on December 10, 1934. The eighth son of the family, Harm, was born on January 18, 1937 and the fourth daughter, Jean Gloria, was born on February 2, 1938. Jean is the only child out of all my grandparents children who has a middle name. It's been said that the others were not given middle names because in the Netherlands, my grandparents home-land, it was not a common practice to give children middle names. My aunt Jean was given a middle name because it was said when she was born she was such a pretty baby the doctor who delivered her said she should have a middle name so she was given the middle name Gloria.

My grandfather farmed in the Oakland, Minnesota area until September of 1940 when he moved the family to Seward, Illinois. Just a month after settling in Seward the last child was born to the family, George, on October 5, 1940. My grandfather farmed in Seward for one year and then took up the carpentry trade again.

The family moved again back to Parkersburg, Iowa in October of 1912. It is not known why my grandfather kept moving back to Parkersburg, but it is known that my parents, Kurt and Phoebe Smith, lived there and it was said that Parkersburg had quite a few Dutch people there so that could have a bearing on it.

The family moved again in July of 1953 to German Valley, Illinois. My grandfather continued to be active in the carpentry trade until he retired in 1955.

My grandparents and their youngest child, George, who was their only child still at home, moved directly into Pecatonica, Illinois in September of 1959. My grandparents continued to live in Pecatonica until my grandfather died on March 21, 1961 in Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford, Illinois after a lengthy illness. Before Grandpa Smith died he told his oldest son, John, to take care of his mother so when Grandpa died a mobile home was bought and placed on John's spacious lawn where my grandmother continued to live until her death on March 7, 1974 in Durand, Illinois.

Because of my grandparents' childrens' differences in ages the entire family was not living at home at the same time. As a matter of fact, never in history was the entire present family ever together at one time, not even at weddings or funerals.

The marriages of the children are as follows:

1) Frances married Mathew Kuiper on April 21, 1936.
2) John married Margaret Stahl on February 27, 1942.
3) Kuhny married Donna Wienk on December 20, 1947.
4) Bruno married Beth Campell February 14, 1944.
5) Rena married Robert Meyers on December 8, 1945.

6) Grace married Stanley Coffee on January 20, 1941.

7) William married Margaret Miller on February 14, 1950.

8) Henry married Betty Canlon on April 12, 1952.

9) Paul first married Mary Lou Caudel on November 5, 1957. He was later divorced and then married Shirley Knight Bartholomew on October 25, 1969.

10) Fred married Patricia Ekoff on October 11, 1958.

11) Harm married Donna Greenfield on August 22, 1959.

12) Jeanette married John Haynie on October 21, 1961.

13) George married Judy Knodle on July 30, 1960.

Everytime Grandpa Smith moved he would bring the entire family who was living at home at the time. It's been said my grandfather moved so often because he wanted to better himself and his family.

Celebrations

On July 4 all the Smiths living in the area would come to Oakland, Minnesota, where Grandfather Smith and the family lived at that time, for a large gathering.

Christmas was celebrated in the old Dutch custom whereby the children would lay a plate of Indian corn along the wall and my grandparents told their children that the more Indian corn they put on the plate, the more Santa Claus would leave. In the morning when the children came down the corn would be gone and their gift would be on the plate. The Indian corn was said to be for Santa Claus' reindeer. A typical gift was like that of a cork gun which was once given to my father.

All through the yule-tide season the family would eat a Dutch treat which was similar to a drop doughnut. They would take some dough about the size of a small potatoe and drop it in boiling grease until

it browned all over and then eat it.

Easter was not much different than any other day, although one Easter was told when all the children were given a new suit of clothes and they wore them to church on Easter Sunday. This occasion happened in approximately 1937.

Religion

The children started to attend Bible School in 1937 and there was a four-year peroid in my grandfather's life where he was a very devout church-goer. Besides this the family attended church intermittently, but they always strived to live their religion wherever they were. The family religion was for the most part Baptist.

Weddings

Weddings were irregularly attended by the family. They have ranged in size all the way from a simple Justice of the Peace ceremony to a large formal church wedding.

Marriage was decided solely upon the children who were about to marry. There was no outside interference by their parents at all.

Granting Responsibility

Around the age of eight years old the children were given responsibilities of helping around the house.

An example is when my grandfather had a lengthy illness from 1943 - 1944, some of the children worked for farmers to help support the family. My grandfather was suffering from pneumonia that developed into abcessed lungs.

Disciplining

Disciplining was done by the parents of the children and their older brothers and sisters, whoever witnessed the wrong doing. Everyone had their own little way of disciplining.

Parental Influence

Everyone of my grandfather's sons has undertaken carpentry at one time or another in their life.

Fishing, a hobby of my grandfather's, has been a very popular hobby by most everyone in the family.

My grandfather always taught his children to respect their mother. This influence has been carried on to raising of the grandchildren.

At one time in my grandfather's life he had a serious drinking problem. After Grandpa relieved himself of this his son, Bruno, related it to the story of the Prodigal Son in the Bible. Because of Grandfather Smith's drinking problem most of his children have nothing to do with drinking and very few use alcohol at all.

Depression

The Depression hardly touched my grandparents at all because they already were living under those type of conditions.

The family always considered themselves poor monetary-wise, but they considered themselves very rich in love. Many people would comment on how united the family was.

War

War affected the family very little. None of the children left

the United States in World War II. Bruno, Kenny, Harm, and Fred were the only members of the immediate family who served in the military service.

One impact of World War I on the family was when my grandmother Smith's older brother, Harm, was gassed at the Argonne in France. He received a Purple Heart for his injury, although it was forty-four years late in arriving.

Luxuries

The first radio bought by the family was in 1936. The first televison, a large black and white console unit, was bought in 1953. The first car was bought by my grandfather in 1916, a Model T Ford.

Family Growth

Trina Mae Kuiper, a daughter, born to Frances and Mathew Kuiper, was the first grandchild of my grandparents. From then on, the family grew quite rapidly. When my grandmother died, just last March 7, she had forty-seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. With hopes for more grandchildren, who knows how many people will eventually trace their ancestry back to my grandparents.

After looking back at the life my father lived, and the life his father lived, and so on, I see in many occasions a determined attitude. When my great-grandfathers Viel and Smith migrated to the United States from the Netherlands they weren't sure what they were about to encounter,

but with determination they kept coming.

With my talks with my father, my aunts and uncles, and my grandfather I can clearly see they are very proud of their Dutch heritage. After compiling this history I can say I am equally proud to receive this heritage.

Grandfather Miller Single

My maternal grandfather, James Howard Miller, was the ninth child and fifth son of James Edward Miller and Sarah Margaret Walters Miller. He was born on February 18, 1907 on a farm near Jonesboro, Tennessee where he spent the first twenty years of his life.

My great grandfather and grandmother Miller's children are as follows: Walter T., born on December 12, 1892; Willie E., born on July 7, 1894; Viola Belle, who was called Belle, born on February 13, 1896; Fay Hardin, called Hardin, born on January 13, 1898; Florence E., born on August 18, 1899; Fern, born on March 30, 1901; Elmer, born on April 13, 1903; Carry Paul, called Paul, born on June 24,1905; my grandfather, James Howard, called Howard, born on February 18, 1907; George Dawson, called Dawson, born on January 24, 1909; Mary Catherine, called Kate, born on February 10, 1911; Charles Omer, called Omer, born on January 11, 1914. All the children of Great-Grandfather and Grandmother Miller are still living except three. Willie died sometime in the 1950's. Belle died on August 1, 1932 at age thirty-six and Hardin died in August of 1939 at the age of forty-one.

As stated earlier, my grandfather Miller spent the first twenty years of his life on the farm he was born on in Jonesboro, Tennessee. The farm, still belonging in the Miller name, has since been enlarged, but at that time it was 105 acres, mostly agricultural, tobacco, and a little corn. They also raised enough pork, beef, and chickens

to feed the family. They had a large building for smoking and curing the meat. They also had a large room, built into the side of a hill, for storing fruit and vegetables. A creek, containing several springs, ran near the house. For refrigeration they had a small building built over one of these springs. For heat, they had large fireplaces in each first floor room. They used homemade pillows stuffed with feathers. Mattresses were stuffed with straw. My great-grandmother Miller always made her own brooms from the broom corn the family raised.

When my grandfather Miller was very young he worked for his brother-in-law raising tobacco at the early age of eight years. For his labors he was paid 25¢ a day. My great-grandfather would give his children the land and they'd raise tobacco themselves on halves. My grandfather Miller had to buy his own clothes from the age of twelve.

In 1927 Grandpa Miller moved to Polo, Illinois where another brother of his lived. A desire to change his life brought him to Polo, plus the fact that he always had blood boils in Tennessee and after living in Polo for a while they disappeared. Apparently, the change in climate and water caused this.

Grandpa worked as a hired man for two different farmers near Polo before he met my grandmother on a street in downtown Polo. My grandfather's life as a single man ended on January 30, 1929 when he married my grandmother, Winnefred Kathryn Flynn in Morrison, Illinois.

Grandmother Miller [illegible]

My maternal grandmother, Winnefred Kathryn Flynn, was born on December 10, 1910 in Coleta, Illinois to Michael Francis and Amanda Rachel Flynn. Born the fourth child and eldest daughter, her brothers and sisters are as follows: James LeRoy, born in 1907; Martin Ulmer, born in 1908; William Ralph, born on May 2, 1909; Mildred Bessie, born on October 1, 1912; Rachel Frances, born on October 5, 1915; Helen Janet, born on May 25, 1918; Mary Elizabeth, born on June 11, 1922; Marvin Runnels, born on September 30, 1920; Robert Martin, born on February 9, 1924; and Marilyn Ruth, born on November 17, 1929.

Every child of my great-grandparents is alive except for James, who died in 1971, Martin who died a few months after his birth, and Mary who died at birth.

Grandma Miller lived in Coleta, Illinois from the day she was born til the age of five when Great-Grandfather Flynn moved his family to Sterling, Illinois where they lived for one year. My great-grandfather moved the family back to a farm near Coleta again where he worked as a hired man.

My grandmother started school while living in Coleta at Liberty Grade School where she was an average student. After she graduated from Eighth grade in 1925 she worked as a housemaid for farmers in the area.

Downtown Polo, Illinois in 1928 was the scene when my grandmother first met my grandfather, J. Howard Miller. My grandparents courted for a year before their marriage on January 30, 1929 in Morrison, Illinois. They moved to a farm north of Polo after their marriage where my grandfather worked as a hired farm hand and my grandmother as a housewife.

Grandfather and Grandmother Miller's History Prior Marriage

James Howard Miller and Kathryn Winnefred Flynn, my grandparents, met on a street in downtown Polo, Illinois in 1928. They courted for one year before their marriage on January 30, 1929 in Morrison, Illinois with my grandfather at age twenty-one and my grandmother at age eighteen.

My grandfather was a farm laborer for the first eight years of their married life. He was employed by the month receiving a house, some meat, milk, and wages. It was reported that once my grandparents lost four months wages when the farmer my grandfather worked for filed bankruptcy.

They lived north of Polo, Illinois from 1929 - 1932. While living there two daughters were born to them. Margaret Winnefred, my mother, was born on August 30, 1929 and Dorothy Louise was born on March 31, 1931.

My grandfather moved his family in 1932 west of Milledgeville, Illinois where they lived until 1936. Two more daughters were born to my grandparents while living there. Frances Eileen was born on January 7, 1933 and Lulu Belle was born on December 7, 1934. While living here another two months' wages was lost when a farmer declared bankruptcy.

The family moved south of Polo in 1936 where they lived till 1940. The day they were moving to this farm a bad blizzard developed as my grandmother started labor pains. A son, James Edward, was born on the way to the hospital on March 2, 1936. Another daughter, Sharon Kay, their last child, was born on November 11, 1938. One year after moving to this farm my grandfather started farming for himself.

In 1910 they moved to a farm near Coleta, Illinois and stayed for one year. My grandfather was a dairy, hog, and agricultural farmer until 1913 when he added beef to his projects.

In 1911 my grandparents moved their family to a farm one mile north of Grand Detour, Illinois, where they stayed till 1945. In 1945 they moved two miles farther north to a larger farm. This was a milestone in their life. The house was a southern mansion type home with central heat, hot and cold running water, two bathrooms, and electricity. The farms before this had never had either running water or electricity, or any other type of modern convenience.

The family moved to a farm south of Winnebago, Illinois in 1955 where they remained until 1959. In 1959 my grandfather moved to a farm east of Polo, Illinois.

My grandparents retired from farming in 1965 and moved to 110 Congress, Polo, Illinois where they now reside.

The marriages of my grandparents' children are as follows:

1) Margaret married William Smith on February 26, 1950.
2) Dorothy married John Waldschlager on October 13, 1951.
3) Eileen married John LeMay on March 1, 1974.
4) Lu married George Stocking on July 5, 1958.
5) James married Martha Williams on July 23, 1960.
6) Kay married Larry Christen on January 28, 1956.

Celebrations

Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas were all celebrated with a family get-together at my great-grandfather Flynn's home. Birthdays were celebrated within the immediate family.

Weddings were held with family in attendance and ranged from a

large church wedding to a wedding held in the home. Marriage was decided solely upon the couple about to be married.

All children were baptized at infancy with a small family gathering following.

Religion

Attended church intermittently, but always strived to live a good Christian life wherever they were.

Granting Responsibility

The children were given simple chores to help around the house at approximately age four. They were given larger responsibility at approximately age ten.

Disciplining

Both of my grandparents took part in discipling. Different types of discipling was performed, ranging from reprimanding to actual punishing.

Depression

The depression affected my grandparents very little as they were already living in that sort of state. There was an effect suffered when a farmer declared bankruptcy and my grandparents lost some wages.

Decisions

Decisions on moving were made by my grandparents. My grandfather was mainly motivated to move to better himself. Other key decisions were primarily made by Grandpa Miller.

War

War affected my grandparents very little as none of their children were active in the war-effort. The only affect they suffered was the rationing system in effect throughout the war.

Luxuries

Radios were in the household from the marriage of my grandparents to the present. The first television was purchased in 1953. A car was owned in the family ever since my grandparents married, changing cars every two years or so.

Family Growth

My grandparents' family grew to the size of eight after their children were born. My grandparents were blessed with grandchildren from May of 1951 with my brother, Howard, till the present with fifteen total grandchildren and the promise of great-grandchildren in the future.

After compiling this family history on my mother's side I can honestly say that I am proud and honored to be a part of it. Considering all the turmoils and hardships that were tolerated and survived in my great-grandparents' and grandparents' families I can only respect them and feel a sense of gratitude for instilling in me the same quality of determination and perseverance that has carried

them. I look at my grandparents life with a sense of sadness, but I look at my present life and future life of spreading the same qualities given me to my own children.

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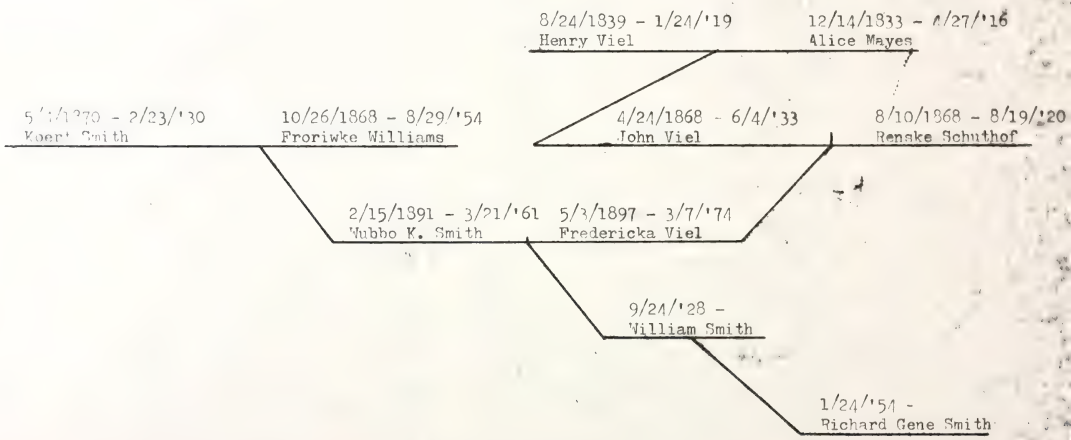

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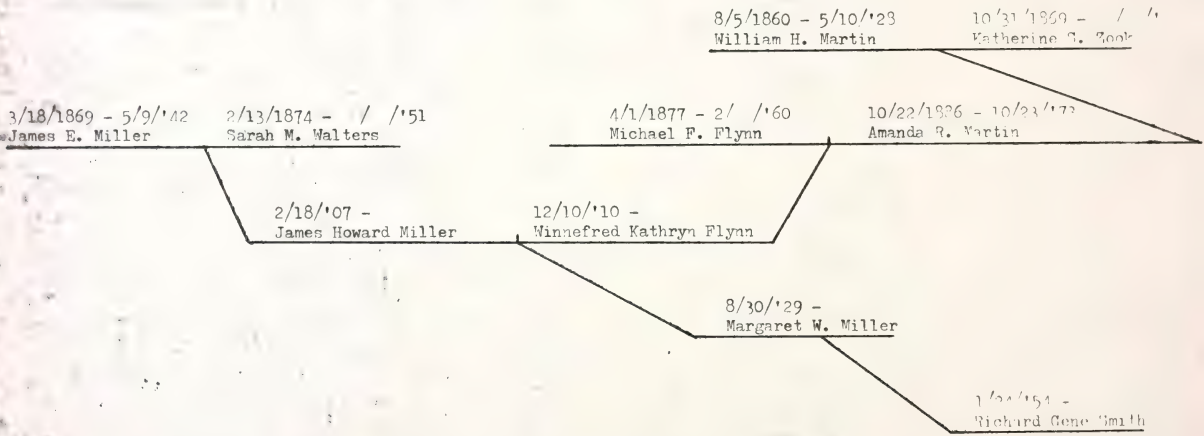

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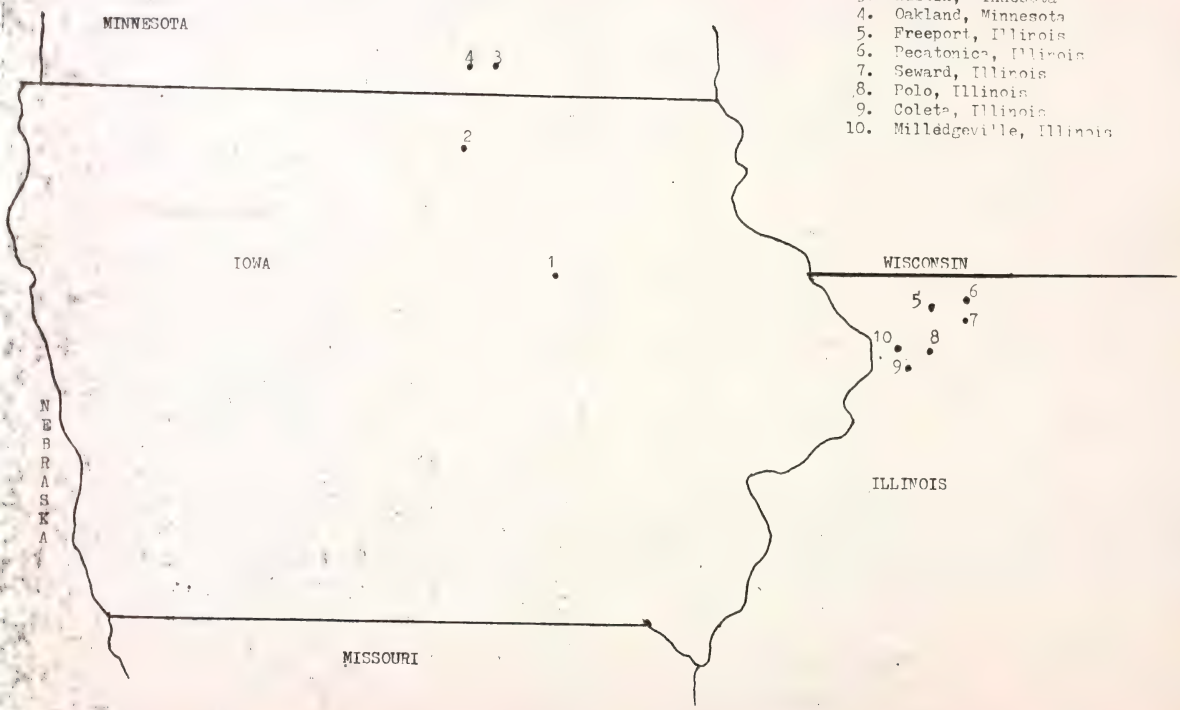

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